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Tobacco firms 'telling lies' on low-tar safety

TOBACCO manufacturers have fooled smokers into besafer thain the conventional kind despite knowing for over subconsciouslyblock the boles in 20 years that they are not, two the filter with fingers or saliva. charities say today.

closure for the tobacco industry, researchers from Ash, the since the late 1970s that smokers compensate for the lower dose of nicotine and tar in cig. man advertising campaign at the arettes such as Silk Cut Ultra or turn of the year which used the Mariboro Lights by taking more: slogan "IAN ONE", to suggest or deeper puffs.

manufacturers have cynically olution, instead of giving up. designed cigarettes to give low tar readings but deliver high tar on the cigarette packs are worse and nicotine to the smoker. Tar than useless and may be dan : nicotine numbers, a new pack and nicotine levels are measured by a smoking machine of compensation for nicotine, tion, an end to branding that imthat takes standard puffs smokers can and do get as much through its steel "mouth". But nicotine from these low-yielding smokers do not smoke like machines and tend to inhale more. It is worrying that people may be deeply or suck more often when switching to these products

nicotine levels are low. Dr Martin Jarvis, of the ICRF Health Behaviour Unit, recognise that low-tar cigarettes said: "It is scandalous that the are at best a fool's paradise and tobacco companies have known at worst a con-trick and begin this for so long, but continued the process of giving up." to develop products designed to make compensation easy, while dating from the late 1970s and about it."

at the same time marketing them with a healthy ... image."

Low-tar cigarettes do not contain low-tar tobacco, but have ventilation holes around the filter so that more air is lieving that flow-tar cigarettes are drawn in. To satisfy their cravmg for nicotme, smokers may

Silk Cut Ultra is rated at 1mg In the latest damaging dis- of tar, against 12mg for a conventional Benson and Hedges cigarette, but that did not mean anti-smoking group, and the Im- that it carried one twelfth of the perial Cancer Research Fund risk, Dr. Jarvis said. Tests had have found documents showing shown that blocking the ventithat the industry has known lation holes raised the tar level to 12mg.

Silk Cut Ultra was featured that switching to the brand The charities claim that the would be a good New Year's res-

> Dr Jarvis said: "The numbers gerous and misleading. Because - warning about nicotine addiccigarettes as from standard ones. rather than quitting.

"We hope that smokers will

Tobacco industry documents ter there is nothing we can do

Labour's spin doctors on their backs: Mandelson ridiculed and Campbell under attack



The Mandy of bronze: A 30ft fake statue of Peter Mandelson was carried across London yesterday to the site of the which is what you are doing." Millennium Dome at Greenwich in south-east London, where the first roof panels were being hoisted into position. The statue stunt was to advertise a cable television comedy channel

ALASTAIR Campbell, the Prime Minister's official spokesman, last night accused the media of staging a "self-indulgent orgy" after William Hague, the Tory leader, had suggested

he was a liar, writes Anthony Bevins. The row centred on a recent telephone cail to Tony Blair made by Romano Prodi, the Italian Prime Minister, during which Mr Blair asked Mr Prodi what he thought about a bid from Rupert Mutdoch for a controlling interest in three Italian television networks.

Mr Campbell spent last week saying the call had been made by Mr. Prodi, and that as Mr Blair had only asked in passing about the attitude towards the Murdoch bid, he had hardly "intervened" on his behalf.

But the BBC carried a series of reports on the affair vesterday, with Francis Maude, a Tory frontheach spokesman, calling Mr Campbell a liar, and BBC political reporters complaining about Mr Campbell's "frightening" and "intimidating" conduct - a charge later dismissed as "jocular" by Nick Clarke, presenter of The World at One.

Three charges were laid by the Tories against No 10 - that Mr Campbell's briefing on the Prodi-Blair call had been "at best misleading and at worst deliberately talse": that Mr Compbell had attempted to gag Harriet Harman, and Frank Field, the social security ministers; and that Labour had tried to cover up a plan to set up a "cash-foraccess" deal with Mr Blair's office.

At his evening briefing with political reporters, Mr Campbell drew a distinction between the levitimate journalistic interest in Mr Blair's relationship with Mr Murdoch and the question of whether he had lied. He said that every journalist in the room knew he had not lied.

But he accused the media of being obsessed with itself to the exclusion of issues of concern to real people. "There are certain subjects the media are neuralgic about." he said. "One of them is Murdoch: one of them is spin doctors. Put the two together, and you know you can have a self-indulgent orgy lasting days.

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I slept with Clinton, says beauty queen

By Mary Dejevsky in Washington

MORE trouble loomed for President Bill Clinton yesterday. after a former Miss America. Elizabeth Ward Gracen, told a New York tabloid that she had had sex with him in 1982 when. they were both married and he was governor of Arkansas. While she absolved Mr Clinton of behaving improperly towards her in any way, her admission added to the impression that the whole truth about his conduct has not been told. The only extra-marital sexual relationship be has admitted to under oath was with the former Arkansas nightclub singer, Gennifer Flowers. 'ual advance in an Arkansas ho-

Ms Gracen told the Daily

Clinton was "a very bad error in judgement" on her part, but it had been consensual. She was responding to a claim by a former friend of hers, given in sworn evidence to the Paula Jones sexual harassment invesrigation, that she had confided tearfully about a forced sexual encounter with Mr Clinton.

Despite being summoned to testify in the Paula Jones case, Ms Gracen stayed abroad during the pre-trial hearing and denied any involvement with Mr Clinton, However, she could be snumonsed to appear when the case comes to court next month . Ms Jones is suing Mr Clinton for sexual harassment, alleging that he made an unwelcome sextel room in 1991. Ms Jones's News the encounter with Mr lawyers say that they want to in-



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Clive Bates, director of Ash,

troduce testimony from half a dozen or more women to show a "pattern of behaviour" by Mr Clinton over many years.

Mr Clinton's lawyers have petitioned the judge to apply sanctions against Ms Jones's team for contempt, saying the release at the weekend of details of a 20-year-old "unsubstantiated third-party rape accusation" against Mr Clinton breached a confidentiality order imposed last year.

Eight officers suspended in **Wormwood Scrubs inquiry**

By Jason Bennetto Crime Correspondent

EIGHT prison officers have been suspended and the police brought in to investigate allegations of brutality against inmates at Wormwood Scrubs in what is believed to be the biggest ever criminal inquiry involving jail staff, it was announced yesterday.

A junior governor, who runs the jail's segregation block, has also been suspended, but in connection with disciplinary matters rather than the accu-

sations of violence. Yesterday's moves come in response to the early findings of a Prison Service inquiry into allegations of systematic violence and racism against eight

immates at the west London jail. In a separate development. Scotland Yard has set up an inquiry into allegations made by nine prisoners from the jail after solicitors made a formal

complaint yesterday. If any prison officers are found guilty of an assault charge they could face long jail terms. Since the original accusa-

tions were made public about a fortnight ago, the case has snowballed and become one the most serious set of allegations of brutality and mismanagement to face the Prison Service.

Tony Pearson, the Prison Service's director of security, yesterday announced that an interim report he set up had been able to identify most of the prisoners who allege malureat- to be investigated is the police."

ment. "There are very serious questions to be answered in five cases which the police should investigate," be said. "We have asked the police to do so.

"While the police investigation continues eight prison officers and one senior manager are to be suspended from duty."

He added that two other anonymous allegations were still being investigated and that "immediate action is being taken to strengthen management and supervision within the prison".

Mark Head, national chairman of the Prison Officers' Association, said they would fully co-operate with the police inquiry. "We have made it clear before that we believe the best place to go for these allegations

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'People's Lords' to replace hereditary peers

Exclusive

By Charles Suter, Constitutional Affairs Correspondent

A CABINET committee drawing up plans for the abolition of hereditary perrages has proposed their replacement with temporary People's Lords, according to documents leaked to The Indepen-

Under the changes, existing

place until they die. Their seats citizens' chosen at random in a system similar to jury service.

The new 'people's Lords' will serve for fixed terms of one, five or fifteen years. It is expecied that the first citizens to be elevated in this way will take their seats in time for the Millennium celebrations at the end of next year. There will be no change to the system of life

The committee, chaired by the Prime Minister and in-

cluding Peter Mandelson, Lord will then be taken by 'ordinary Irvine and constitutional experis - was established soon after last May's Labour landslide.

Confidential minutes seen by The Independent reveal the committee examined the possibility of replacing the House of Lords with an elected second chamber, similar to the US Senate.

The idea was rejected because the committee was worried that "even a partly elected Upper House would challenge the democratic legitimacy" of the Labour dominated Com-

There were also fears that petright abolition of the Lords would bring renewed and direct pressure on the Monarchy itself - something which new

Labour is keen to avoid. The document details discussion of the "middle way" which Laboar hopes will "preserve the stability and contimity" provided by the inherited

By allocating seats in the

pointments to the Lords will remain beyond the political fashions of the day".

At the same time the removal of the hereditary element will get rid of an "out of date principle which is an affront to the sensibilities of a modern inclusive and increasingly classless democracy."

According to plan the "Lottery Lords" will be chosen by computers using the electoral roll. Citizens selected to serve in the Lords will be paid a second chamber by lottery, ap- salary "commensurate with

their current earnings with an additional element of compensation" for their period of office. Attendance will be mandatory, though as with jury service it will be possible to seek exemp-

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Chancellor unmoved by sterling concerns

By Diana Coyle Economics Editor

THE Iron Chancellor toughed out criticism from MPs and pleas for action from industry vesterday as concern mounted about the strength of the pound. Accused by one Labour MP of "complacency" as sterling reached a ten-year high on the foreign exchanges. Gordon Brown said the Government had done all it should to keep the pound "stable and competitive in the medium term"

The Chancellor's fighting talk, as he faced the House of Commons Treasury select committee, will pile the pressure on the Bank of England when its Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meets next week.

While Mr Brown insisted that he had every confidence in the Governor of the Bank of England and the MPC, it is no secret that Treasury officials believe that if the Bank had raised interest rates further faster, the upward pressure on the pound would now be less severe.

Mr Brown said: "We inherited a situation where inflation was starting to rise and the economy was essentially unbalanced between consumer spending and industry." But the Government had "got it absolutely right" in its first two Budgets.

"This Government has made its contribution to rehalancing the economy," he said. Challenged by Quentin Davies. the Conservative MP for Grantham, as to whether he had been tough enough, Mr Brown said: "We have taken action. We took £17bn out of the economy in the biggest fiscal tightening than ten years. since 1981, and you are saying

that is not enough." Brian Sedgemore, Labour MP for Hackney, suggested Mr Brown was being complacent. The Chancellor said he understood the worries of exporters, but industry, like government, would have to take a long term view. "I do not think it would be right for us to he diverted from our long term objectives by shortterm pressures which, if we gave in to them, would merely

vious years." Business wanted more stability in the economy, he said, and that is what they would get.

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Exporters have been growing increasingly vocal about the impact the rising pound is likely to have on their husiness. Adair Turner, director general of the Confederation of British Industry, said yesterday: "We are at the point where any further increases in the value of the pound will be a serious problem for parts of the export sector.

He accepted that the March Budget had been tough enough, hut said industry hoped for a clear signal from the Bank of England that interest rates would go no higher.

"We would like the Bank of England to get to a position where they can signal that the next move in interest rates is down," he said. The MPC bas been split

since January over whether or | ternative has yet been found. not to raise the cost of borrowing any further in order to slow the economy and keep inflation on target. The pound climbed above

DM3.10 during yesterday's

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Computer reveals secrets of mummy's tomb People power





Deathly secret: A portrait (left) which was painted on an Egyptian mummy concealed the fact that the man's top teeth overlapped his lower ones. Experts in Edinburgh, not wanting to damage the delicate remains, which are held in a Scottish museum, used a scanner to show (right) the features of the man more accurately.

£350m to be spent 'Monty' crew to keep

NUCLEAR waste which was al similar to some of those put dumped in a shaft over a 20-year down the shaft turned up reperiod is to be dug out again at cently on the beach near Douna cost of up to £350m, the reay, leading to fears that they Government announced last night, writes Fran Abrams.

The 25-year project at Dounreay in the north of Scotland will mean 4.000 cubic metres of waste material must be stored above ground. Last year, the Conservative government cancelled plans for an underground nuclear store, and no al-

The shaft was constructed in the 1950s as a route for re- vironmental option.". moving rubble during building work at the Dounreay site. It was then licensed for waste. Dumping, said: "It really boldisposal and used until 1977; sters our confidence ... that they trading, its highest for more when a build-up of chemicals are prepared to spend this

caused a major explosion. Particles of nuclear materi- something which is so vital."

on Dounreay waste kit on for the sequel BRITAIN'S most successful up a certainty. They say that a film, The Full Monty, is to get a sequel, because the money to be

made is too good to turn down, could have leaked out. Officials . it was confirmed yesterday, from the UK Atomic Energy writes Paol McCann. The original cast, who made how they could have come from

little money from the original, will be remited for the followup, but are slated to keep their clothes on this time. The scriptwriter Simon Beaufoy's agent, Rod Hall, said his client was in negotiation for the project: "I know that it will go

The film's makers, Twentieth Lorraine Mann, convenor of Century Fox, are keen to repeat the success of the male-stripping movie, set in Sheffield, which cost only £2m to make but has taken an estimated £160m world-wide. Mr Hall said the sums involved make the follow-

sequel cannot achieve less than 40 per cent cent of the success of the last film - it's a statisti-

cal fact. So, under the circum-

stances where you've got a film that has taken \$225m [£140m] at the box-office it will happen in one way or another. The only question is whether Simon writes it or not, but he doesn't want to relinquish his babies to anybody else." He said negoti-ations are taking place in California.

Except for the Bond series and Carry On movies, major British film rarely make enough money to get a sequel. A Fish Called Wanda's sequel last year, Fierce Creatures, was a disappointment. Four Weddings and A Funeral will have a sequel. Notting Hill, released this year.

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to ensure that equal numbers nic minorities "and the just plain average" would have an equal chance of gaining a seat in the second chamber and thus an opportunity to scruti-nise legislation, suggest changes and draft new clauses

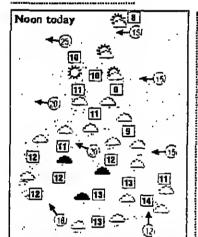
ward to the Lords eventually be-coming "a statistically perfect and genuinely inclusive sample" of the British population. It will then function as 'the ideal national focus group for test-bed-ding new legislative initiatives'. But yesteriay a row was brewing in Westerinster over the

has been spending too much time on the phone to Clinton and Murdock. They've sold him the whole Republican agenda. The plants units and it will do us a lot of damage."

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also urged caution. The
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Henry Masingbird-DeMon-forte, meanwhile, who as 27th Earl of Thonet can brace his ancestors back to Harold Haffa-canute, warned of a mass and their supporters "along the lines of the Countryside March... but more violent" if

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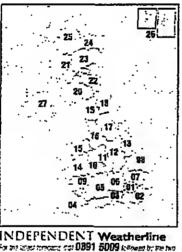
Northern and eastern Scotland will have a dry day with patchy cloud and sunny spells. The best of the sunstane will be in the north-west, with more in the way of cloud and a chilly easterly wind close to North Sea coasts. South-west Scotland, Northern Ireland and northern England will start mostly dry but it will cloud over with a growing risk of rain. Water and the rest of England will be largely cloudy with rain and drizzle breaking out in most places

Outlook for the next few days Tomorrow, northern Scotland will be dry but there will be a strong sesterly wind. Southern Scotland will become cloudy with ramedging up from the south Northern fretand England and Water will be mainly cloud, with rain and choose. During Finday and the weekend the weather will stay unsettled and blustery with chowers and longer spells of rain. The cold easterly wind will perpet inthe far north, but elsewhere it will be mild.

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THE FIRST quarter of 1998 was marked by higher-thanaverage temperatures, inconsistent rainfall, and, at the start of the year, storms across much of southern Britain.

All three months saw temperatures several degrees above normal; the average February temperature was 7.2C, compared to a 30-year central England mean of 3.8C. Barbourne, Worcestershire, saw an amazing 19.6C on 13 February, a British record for the month.

January was mild too. though less so than the following month; the mean temperature across the United Kingdom was 5.1C, compared to the 3.8C norm. March coninued the pattern, being 2.3C higher than average at 8C.

for very long, although -17C Caithness, on 1 March.

Rainfall has been sporadic. In England and Wales, January was a wet month, recording 128 per cent (113mm) of the average rainfall (88mm). In February, only 19mm of rain fell, a mere 29 per cent of the 63mm average. March has been about average, with 111 per cent of mean rainfall recorded in England and Wales. The pattern was different in Scotland; with consistently higher-than-average rainfall seen in many places. : Sunshine figures have

age, especially in mid-Fehruary in southern England and the English Midlands. There has been little snow anywhere in Britain this year, but on 5 January a few centimetres fell in southern England.

Apart from February's high temperatures, the meteorological highlight of 1998 so far was provided by the storms that battered southern England in early January. On the 7th, buildings in Selsey were wrecked by a tornado.

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Sculptor 'carried body parts on Tube'

By Andrew Buncombe

AN ESTIMATED 2 million commuters use the London Underground every day. Who knows how many may have sat. unsuspecting, next to a rucksack containing an assortment of human heads, limbs and other shrivelled parts?

The sculptor Anthony-Noel Kelly regularly carried dis-Central Line, wrapping them in black plastic bin-liners and placing them in his rucksack, a court was told yesterday. Unknown to other passengers he transported the smuggled body parts from the Royal College of Surgeons to his bome where he stored them in tea-chests.

Then, when inspiration called, the former butcher would carefully unwrap the body parts and cover them in rubber as part of a process to create "exact copy" gilt-covered sculptures.

Southwark Crown Court was told that once he was finished with the remains be would load then into the boot of a car and drive to Kent where he buried them in a 6ft deep hole..

But yesterday the artist tried to assure the court that be treated the severed bodies with respect. "I felt if the donors were looking on, I was not insulting their body in any way," he said.

Mr Kelly, 42, and former Royal College of Surgeons lab technician Niel Lindsay, 25, both from London, deny stealing "human anatomical specimens" from the college between June 1991 and November 1994. Mr Kelly further denies dishonestly handling them.

The court has been told that after the artist was given per-

mission to draw body parts in the college's Lincoln Inn Fields premises, he became "itchy" for something more than two-dimensional work.

He ended up paying Mr Lindsay £400 to take pieces of dead bodies out of the college. He then displayed two studies of an old man's head and torso at an exhibition in London.

Under cross-examination, membered bodies on the Tube's Mr Kelly accepted that he was granted an "exceptional degree of trust" in being allowed to sketch any of the hundreds of body parts kept in the college's museums and demonstration rooms.

He said be then learnt from Mr Lindsay that the college was bolding body parts longer than the three years allowed under the terms of its Anatomy Act licence. Mr Lindsay then agreed to help him get some of the specimens to his studio so he could make moulds from them. "It was something I wanted to

share. It sounds very arrogant ... although I was not certain if people would like them," said

Asked if be felt he had behaved dishonestly, he replied: "I felt the disbonesty would have been more on the part of the college ... I didn't feel I was doing anything wrong."

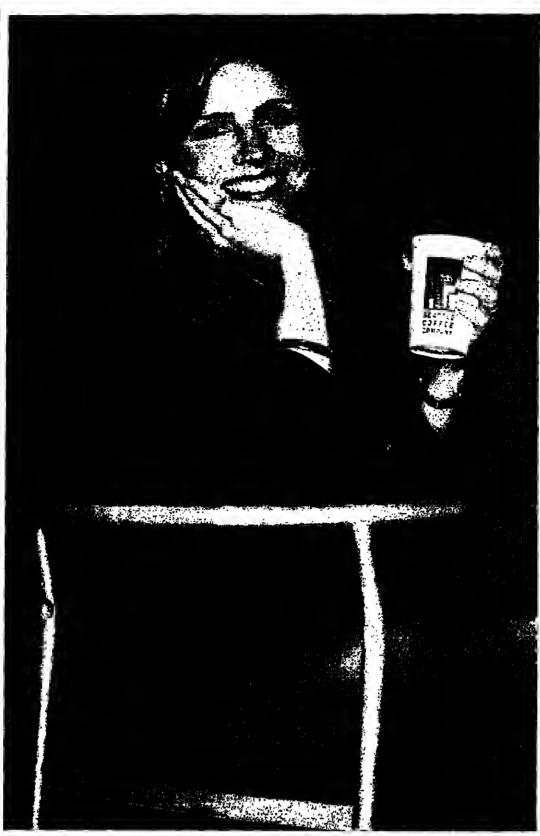
Mr Kelly also denied providing Mr Lindsay with a shopping list of body parts.

"Did you ever say after four right feet, 'thank you Mr Lindsay, but no more right feet'? asked Andrew Campbell-Tiech, for the prosecution.

"No, I didn't find a right foot better than a left foot," replied Kelly. "I was not trying to make

The trial continues.

All the perks of a coffee renaissance



Cup in hand: Ally Svenson, 'driven by passion' to create Seattle Coffee Company Photograph: Steve Bell

THE FACT THAT you can ask without wings is probably down to this woman: Ally Svenson, 31, co-founder and managing director of the Seattle Coffee Company, writes Gienda Cooper.

Eighteen months ago there were six Seattle coffee shops in Britain: now there are 56. Svenson herself tells it as a romantic dream: moving here from Seattle she pined for her daily latte and despaired of ever finding anything other than insipid cappuccinos: "I would go into cafés in Soho and try to explain to them how to make a latte or beg them to add another shot," she says. "It was a hit of a selfish venture opening up the first place in Covent Garden."

In reality it was more prosaic: a year's hard work went into researching the coffee market as well as clever marketing, exploiting the name Seattle, the coffee capital of the world.

Ally and her busband Scott, her high school sweetheart, moved to London in 1990. She was employed by the US publishing company Comag as bead of the import sales department, introducing American magazines to the European market "which was good practice".

After four years Svenson quit her job. She did careful research and set up ber sources right down to the cups; they still have to be imported from America. The first bar was opened in Covent Garden in April 1995.

Seattle Coffee were the first on the scene," says Nigel Passingham, executive director of the Real Coffee Association, who says a renaissance in coffee drinking has happened as people try different coffees abroad and want the same at bome. "The name helped as well because people thought the coffee came from the style capital of coffee. They (the Svensons] spotted that kind of opening and ... brought in a more American feel."

However, when the first branch was opened it was "at the beginning of the IN THE NEWS

ALLY SVENSON

hottest summer in history and we opened in a listed building where air conditioning was not allowed". Despite this Svenson said that "within 24 hours" it was working. "But then if you can't do something in the middle of Covent Garden you shouldn't be doing it," she adds.

Tha Covent Garden shop eatered mostly to tourists. The next two, however, were aimed at the domestic market. One was in the Canary Wharf office development in Docklands, east London, the other in a bookstore in Cambridge. Both were a success and the company is now the largest speciality coffee chain in the UK. At the beginning of 1997 Seattle's turnover was £3.5m, today it is £21m, and the company hopes to have 120 branches open by the end of 1998.

Ally was the creative imperus behind the launch, describing it as "driven by passion" while her husband dealt with the finances, eventually quitting his job as chief executive of the largest public healthcare company in Britain to run Seattle Coffee day to day. Their first child was born in June 1996, three days before their fourth store opened, and Svenson's second pregnancy means that she works three to four days a week.

The coffee business bas become a booming industry of the Nineties, according to the Real Coffee Association, but does Svenson ever wonder whether people will get fed up paying high prices for her coffee?

"No, it's an affordable luxury," sbe says, "And people care for the quality. I think it's like olive oil in supermarkets. Now that people have found a preference from a choice of one or other oil you can't tell them to go back to just one."

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ON THE HOUSE

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Lloyd's of London, Commercial Union, and the Stock Exchange all started life at coffee houses, where men gathered to

REAL THING

why not

Consumption of roast and ground coffee has gone up 110 per cent in the last 15 years compared to only 3-4 per cent for instant brands; 3.6m people in the UK drink between one and three cups of "real" coffee a day.

Football union chief gets pay package worth £400,000

By Barrie Clement Labour Editor

GORDON Taylor must be over the moon when he contemplates his pay as chief executive of the Professional Footballers' Association – and the increase he received last year.

Latest figures show that Mr Taylor received a package worth almost £420,000 - nearly 50 per cent up on the previous year, according to the annual report of the official Certification Officer for trade unions. His rise was 44 per cent bigher than the rate of inflation over most of the year and puts him once more at the top of the league table for union leaders' pay.

The 1,500 members of the PFA, the players' trade union, contributed £50 a year each in subscriptions, but the union's income is supplemented by a share of television rights and from its role as agent to some of the players.

Sick as a parrot bowever. must be the general secretaries of more than 100 unions which make returns to the Certification Officer who got nothing.

And Mr Taylor's pay - which presumably allows him to rub shoulders socially with at least some of his members in the Premier League - compares league at the Society of Local



Gordon Taylor: Received package worth almost £420,000

other union "barons".

Apart from those who do it for love, a number of others receive a pittance. There is the leader of the Nelson & District Clothlookers and Warebouse Association on £3,479, his col-

favourably with a number of Council Clerks, £2,347: the general secretary of the Amaigamated Textile Warebousemen (Padiham Branch) £1,020 and the senior official at the Skipton and District Power-Loom Overlookers' Association who

receives £600.

other "fat cats" in the union movement. Arthur Scargill's pay package as President of the National Union of Mine Workers remains at £65,000 a year. This is particularly generous given that the union has finally acknowledged that membership has slumped.

Whereas the NUM elaimed a roll of 69,000 in 1995, the organisation puts its membership at 10,000 in the latest report. This has not been caused by a new bout of swingeing pit elosures, but acceptance that retired colliers and miners' widows should not be included in the figures. Some of the coal industry's closest observers contend that the actual fully paidup membership is nearer 7,000.

The annual report showed that more than a quarter of union general secretaries earned in excess of £40,000; 20 per cent received £20,000-£40,000; 18 per cent got up to £20,000, while the remaining 39 per cent of general secretaries

did not receive a salary. Apart from Mr Taylor the other top earners in the trade union movement were Dr Mae Armstrong, of the British Medical Association who received a total package of nearly £109,000, and Paul Snowball, of bank union UNIFL who was

There are, however, some paid nearly £99,000.

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Even accountants find Milton Keynes boring

By Roger Trapp

EFFORTS to spice up the reputation of Milton Keynes, famous for its grid system of roads and herd of concrete cows, appear to have failed.

Even accountants are turning their noses up at the Buckinghamshire new town. Half of the staff in the regulatory unit of the UK's leading accountancy body are leaving the organisation rather than relocate. The Institute of Chartered

Wales has admitted it is struggling to carry out its regulatory duties because nearly half of the staff with responsibilities in this area do not want to move.

Members of the ICA council will bear today that as of the end of last year 20 members of the Practice Regulation Directorate and Joint Monitoring Unit head office staff - 43 per cent of the total - had indicated they did not want to transfer to the town, where the City of London-based organisation Accountants in England & has long had a second office.

Paul Griffiths, assistant director of business development for the Commission for the New Towns, said that it was the idea of moving, and not Milton Keynes, that was responsible for the accountants' exodus. "I don't think this is an indictment of Milton Keynes at all. Obviously it's disappointing that

wanted to move auywhere." Mr Griffiths said Milton Keynes was the "fastest-growing area, without a doubt, in the bave already left.

they probably would not have

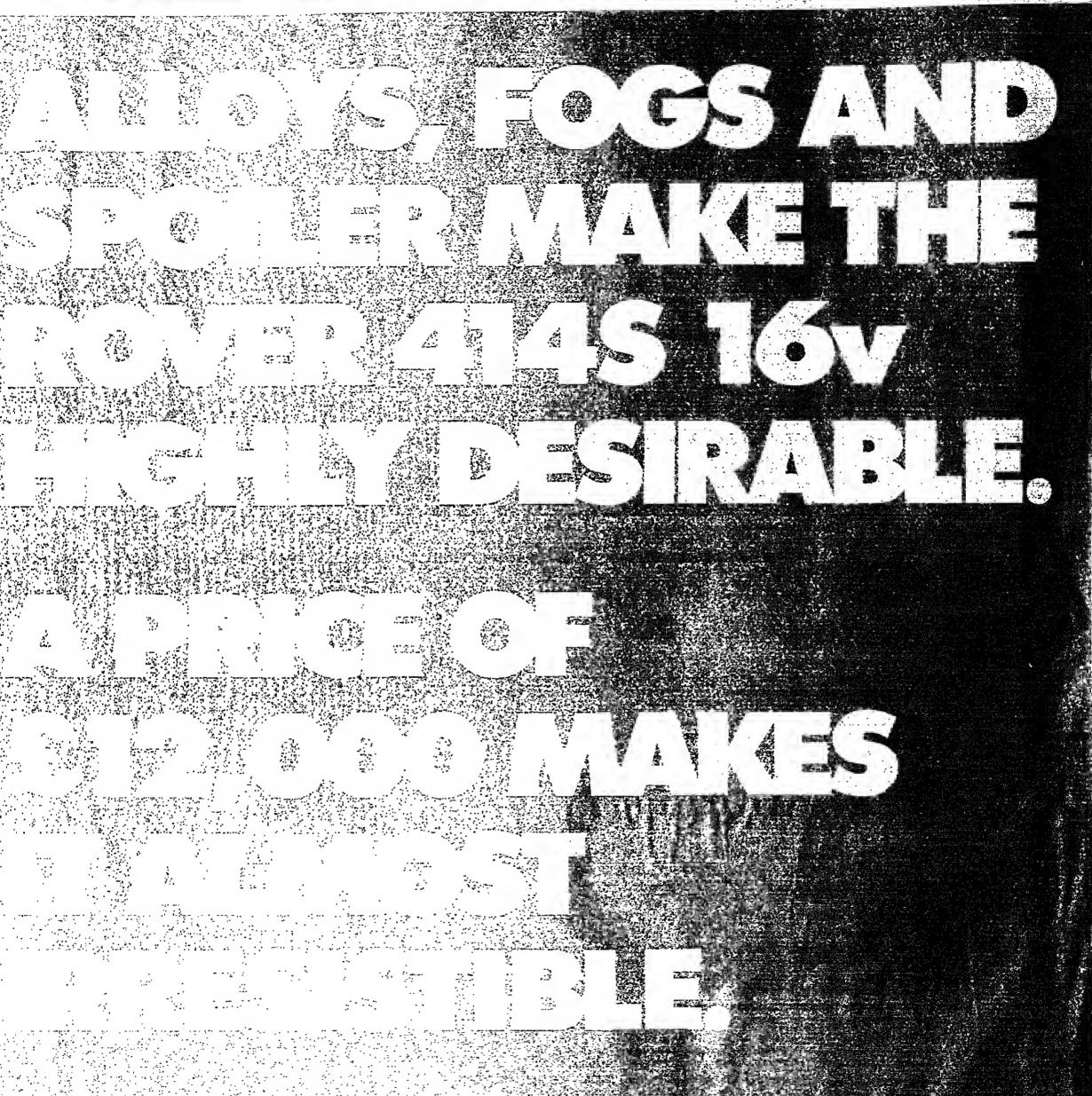
last 20 years." From 1981 to 1995, the town had experienced 69 per cent employment growth. The proposed relocation is

part of a reorganisation, due to be completed soon. In his annual report to council, Keith Woodleg the chairman of the Milton Keynes office, says steps are being taken to minimise the impact. they weren't able to come, but adding that the momentum of regulatory work in the profession has been maintained only with some difficulty because several staff who did not want to move

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Bugged by gremlins

PANDORA is starting to doubt if we have a snowball's chance in hell of defeating the millennium bug. This is my conclusion after the shocking episode that took place in Whitehall yesterday. The Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, Dr David Clark, was escorting six hacks in the private lift to see Sir Richard Wilson, the Cabinet Secretary. Their mission was to hear the latest plans for dealing with the bug. Unfortunately, the lift broke down. It took 30 minutes to sort out this extremely "low-tech" problem and free the passengers, at which point several of the survivors had been driven mad by the pointless wittering of the Guardian journalist David Hencke.

Bunker mentality

DOES 31 March have a special curse for political journalists? At the same time as yesterday's Whitehall lift emergency, in another hidden corner of the Government's vast underbelly - the bunker in the basement under 10. Downing Street - two television backs exapted into a verbal firestorm as they waited for the usual Ham briefing from Alastair Campbell. John Sergeant, the BBC's chief political correspondent, made a scathing comment to Adam Boulton, political editor of Sky News, about the Murdoch station's bias. Boulton retorted that he made on secret of his loyal support for the man who paid his wages. The BBC back chided him about China. This provoked Boulton into saying that he believed the BBC was more of a threat to world democracy than Sky TV. If only Pandors had been there! Any half-reasonable. impartial observer can see that both the BBC and Sky TV are sinister threats to world democracy. The truth is that only Carlton TV offers manking any hope for the future. (Dear Michael Green, If you'd like to send a cheque to Pandora it's c'n The Box, The Independent, Canary Wharf, London E14 5DL.)

Mo's shining white knight



AS IF the Northern Irish negotiations weren't tough enough, Mo Mowlam was having to tolerate a constant barrage of obnoxious sexist remarks from several of the Unionist delegates. Finally, a white knight arrived in the . form of hard man Billy Hutchinson (pictured), spokesman for the Proeressive Unionist Party. He confronted several of the biggest

loudmouths in the gents at Stormont and told them - in no uncertain terms - to ease up on the Secretary of State for. Northern Ireland. The verbal abuse stopped immediately.

Taskforce mania

HOW many new "taskforces" has the Prime Minister launiched since taking office last spring? According to a Downg Street spokesman, 50 Taskforces had been created by in end of February. Last week, Tony Blair met with leaders of British charities and voluntary organisations. The result? Yet another taskforce: this one is called The Prime Minister's Taskforce on the Active Community. Although Downing Street announced that the taskforce's goal was "to bring about lasting change in the relationship between the individual and the community" by providing a focus, that links public, private and voluntary "sectors"; the most striking fact about this dynamic new working group is its total lack of focus. It has no chairman and, as yet, no team members, Indeed the press release invites "suggestions as to taskforce membership". It also says that it is considering establishing a network of "ambassadors" linked to the taskforce and invites suggestions for who these might be. Rather than submit suggestions for membership or "ambassadors", Pandora is proposing the launch of a Prime Minister's Taskforce on Taskforces to bring this extraordinary epidemic of amorphous committees under control.

Want to earn a bernie?

WHAT'S a hernie? A friend of Pandora's has discovered. this infigorating new addition to English slang. While speaking with a representative of Guardian Insurance. which is sponsoring an information effort in conjunction with the PGA European Golf Tour, he was told that Guardian Insurance sponsorship was worth "a few bernies". In fact, a "bernie" is slang for £1m and derives from Bernie Ecclestone's £1m contribution to the Labour Party Let's hope it makes him immortal.

Hospital tells of Lawrence racism

By Kathy Marks

ALLEGATIONS of ingrained racist attitudes in the police force towards black victims of manager at the hospital where he died.

Mandy Lavin, night services manager at Brook Hospital, in Shooters Hill, south-east London, said that the accident and emergency department dealt with casualties of racially mo-

black victims of crime in geo- cident with the same degree uf eral, Miss Lavin said. She gave seriousness." the example of an Asian woman at around the time of Stephen's death. "She had been subject to tivated attacks at least once a in petrol and had managed to ment in which she described the formight during her five years escape before she was ignited,"

to say that, on occasions, I felt whether or not this attack had. She said that she stood by that heightened racial tension, she huspital's resuscitation room, a general sense of unease about been perpetrated by a family the police approach to such at-member or whether it was a tacks in that they tended to as- racially motivated incident, and crime were made yesterday at sume that they were drugs- my view was that both of these the laquity into the death of related and therefore less im- were very serious circum-Significant Lawrence by a senior portant than other assaults. stances. I felt at the one that against five white youths were This attitude extended to the police did not view the in-

> Edmund Lawson, OC, counwho was treated at the hospital sel to the inquiry which is examining events surrounding Stephen's death in April 1993. threats to kill, had been doused asked Miss Lavin about a statepolice attitude towards racist at-

hus stop in Eliham, south-east police. London, Murder charges laid dropped for lack of evidence, and a private prosecution by the Lawrence family was also unsuccessful

Under cross-examination by Jeffrey Yearwood, for the Commission for Racial Equality, Miss Lavin said that while racist attacks were commonplace in the hospital's catchment area.

Stephen, 18, an A-level stu- did not report them because of sang a hymn. dent, was stabbed to death at a lack of confidence in the

> black victims of crime over of collapse." many years.

attitude and demeanour and approach and manner."

inquiry how Stephen's parents. night. Dorcen and Neville Lawrence,

in the job. She said: "It is true she said. "It was not clear tacks as "casual and relaxed". particularly during periods of were taken to see his body in the believed that some black victims where they recited prayers and

"The distress of Mrs Lawrence stays with me to this She said she had observed day," she said. "She was in a police dealing differently with state of extreme distress, a state

Constable Michael Pinecof-"Sometimes it's quite diffi- fin, a member of the Territoricult to work out what's differ- al Support Group who searched ent. It hinges on things like for the murder weapon, told the inquiry that he did not make any notes of conversations he had Miss Lavin described to the with local residents on the

The inquiry continues today.



Down, but not out: Boxing promoter Frank Warren outside his home in Hertfordshire

THE venue was an ornate country

mansion once owned by Henry VIII. Cream cakes were offered a loser, I'm a winner." while tea was poured from an elegant hive china service.

Frank Warren's big fight promotion at Hunsdon House in Hertfordshire vesterday must have been the oddest in his career. For a start, he was one of the combatants.

The other, the candyfloss-haired American promoter Don King with whom Mr Warren is locked in a legal war, was not there. But amid the splendour of his £2m home, Mr Warren came out fighting just the same. "I am more up for this now than I've ever been," he said. "I am not going to roll over and let this happen....l can certainly see off

Talking pre-fight talk worthy of

one of his fighters, he added: "Ive come from nothing. I've made money, I've lost money. But one thing I'm not. I'm not a quitter. I'm not

The dispute emanates from the break-up of the two promoters' business partnership last December.

Mr King won the first battle last week when a judge at a preliminary hearing ruled that Mr Warren had breached his obligation to the part-

Mr King claimed the decision meant he had a half share of all Mr Warren's boxers and that it would cost the Briton £12m to buy him out. But Mr Warren argued yesterday

that the decision was not a knockout but a knock-down, and one that had been unfairly awarded. He said he was confident of overturning the decision on appeal and of ultimately heating his opponent.

King of doctoring a crucial document. The American argues that Mr Warren agreed the alteration.

After last week's judgment. Mr King criticised Mr Warren's contribution to British boxing, prompting a libel action from his rival.

Yesterday Mr Warren handed out statements of support from his boxers. Prince Naseem Hamed, the WBO World Featherweight champion, said: "Frank is like a second father to me and I trust him as if he

Next week, the promoters' lawyers will do battle over claims by Mr Warren that Mr King is witholding documentation relating to television deals involving British

King was also facing legal actions spokesman.

At another hearing later this from former world heavyweight year, Mr Warren will accuse Mr champion Mike Tyson, and was under investigation hy the FBI. also in connection with allegations of forged paperwork. But Mr Warren was himself arrested last June as part of an on-going Customs and Excise investigation into alleged

> VAT fraud. Looking out over his estate, Mr Warren briefly allowed himself to consider the multi-million pound consequences of defeat. "Somebody's going to end up paying the costs and if it's me, I'll pay them. I'm not skint," he said.

The British boxing press corps. used to plying its trade from bloodspattered seats at ringside, seemed suitably impressed.

Mr King was not. "The plain fact is that Mr Warren has suffered a Mr Warren pointed out that Mr crusbing defeat," said his

Woman tells of abuse Doctor says Government by arsenic victim

Threat

By Denise Levertov

You can live for years next door to a big pinetree, honored to have so venerable a neighbor, even when it sheds needles all over your flowers or wakes you, dropping big cones onto your deck at still of night.
Only when, before dawn one year
at the vernal equinox, the wind rises and rises, raising images of cockleshell boats tossed among huge advancing walls of waves, do you become aware that always, under respect, under your faith in the pinetree's beauty, there lies . the fear it will crash some day down on your house, on you in your bed, on the fragility of the safe doiliness you have almost grown used to

Our poems today and tomorrow come from Sands of the Well (Bloodaxe, £8.95), the final volume completed by Denise Leverrow, who died last year. Born in Esser in 1923, Denise Leverroy moved to the United States in 1948, where she published 14 poetry collections and worked as a campaigner for civil rights and against war and miclear weapons. Bloodaxe also publishes her book of memoirs, Tesserae

By Louise Jury

A PAKISTANI woman jailed for life for killing her lover with arseoic yesterday began an appeal against her conviction.

'I won't roll

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Warren

In a case which campaigners claim is a major failure of justice, the Court of Appeal heard that Zoora Shah had suffered mental and sexual abuse by Mohammed Azam before she killed him in April 1992. Dozens of protesters chant-

ed demands for Mrs Shah's release outside the court in London, as she told, through an interpreter, why she refused at her original trial in December. 1993 to tell the full story, and simply pleased not guilty.

It was alleged at her trial that she murdered Mr Azam, a 47year old businessman, and brother of one of Bradford's most prominent Muslim leaders, out of greed so that she could take over his house. His death was originally atter it was exhumed when his wife aired her suspicions. But the Court of Appeal

heard yesterday that Mrs Shah was ashamed of her relationship with Mr Azam and feared revenge against her three grown children if the truth emerged. And Edward Fitzgerald, QC.

for Mrs Shah, said that doctors, who at the time of the trial found no evidence to support a defence of diminished responsibility, did not have her full medical history. He said she had suffered from depression.

Mrs Shah, who is in her mid-40s, wept as she told how she met Mr Azam. She had arrived in England from the conservative area of Mirpur in Pakistan for an arranged marriage as a teenager. But her husband abused and left her and she was

befriended by Mr Azam. Mrs Shah said he helped her to find a new home but then he made it clear be wanted sex in return for his help. The first day her when she complained of his tributed to a heart attack, but he took me to the house, that brother's activities. arsenic was found in his body af- was the first day he forced him-

self on me _ I had to accept. I had no other options," she said.

The court was told that Mr Azam was a drug dealer who beat Mrs Shah when she returned from a trip to Pakistan without the drugs he was expecting her to carry. "He would hit me and pull my hair," she said. He took her to a graveyard where two of her children who had died as babics were buried. and forced her to have sex there.

The Court of Appeal heard that eventually she put some arsenic to Mr Azam's food. She told the court she wanted to harm him and thought a spoonful would make it incapable for him to have sex with her.

But after he threatened to force himself upon her eldest daughter she put a bigger dose into a sweet and he died.

Mr Azam's brother was a former president of the Bradford Council for Mosques. Mrs Shah said he had refused to help smaller number of people actually concerned by the epi-

ignored his BSE alarm

By Kate Watson-Smyth

THE FIRST doctor publicly to voice concerns that BSE posed a significant threat to humans said vesterday that he was ignored by the Government.

Tim Holt published an article in the British Medical Journal in 1988 when he was junior doctor, saying that the issues raised by the disease were being ignored by a food industry with vested interests, a medical profession with little veterinary

knowledge and a government

eager to avoid a food scare. After he and a colleague discovered that some butchers were selling cow brains, "we felt we had a strong enough case to

argue that human consumers were at risk", he said. Giving evidence to the BSE Inquiry, Dr Holt, who is now a GP in Yorkshire, said: "I appeared to be one of a very small number of people prepared to give an opinion and an even

ceived several letters from the public and realised "that the ministry [of agriculture] was less interested in investigating the problem that they ought to bave been".

He said he was also concerned that some cattle which did not have symptoms of BSE, but could have been incubating the disease, were entering the human food chain. "The scale of the problem was clearly larger than the public figures indicated and the number of cows incubating BSE was not known, but they were going into the human food products which was a worry."

In the summer of 1988, Dr Holt visited the Central Veterinary Laboratory, in Weybridge, Surrey, and discussed the implications of BSE with Dr William Watson, the then director. "He did not take seriously the possibility that we might end up with a human outbreak of CJD," said Dr Holt. "He said that cattle were a dead-end host like mink. I was

demic's implications." He re- not impressed by his tack of concern generally and chose to disregard this reassurance."

Dr Holt expressed concern that most of the work that was being done on BSE was being carried out hy the Ministry of Agriculture which, he felt, was not independent enough of the agricultural industry to decide whether adequate measures were being taken to protect human consumers, "It seemed to me that the focus of research was still on animal disease but my feeling at the time was that more research should be focussed on CJD rather than BSE and scrapic."

Dr Holt said he was frustrated at the ministry's reluctance to invest research money where it was really needed and tried to stimulate debate within medical and veterinary circles.

In 1989, he applied to present a paper at the British Society for the Study of Infection's annual meeting but his "controversial

contribution" was declined. The inquiry continues.

Recovered memory dismissed by doctors

Social Affairs Correspondent

FALSE memories can be planted in patients minds by psychiatrists and there is no evidence that memories can be

Psychiatrists has concluded. The report, published in the British Journal of Psychiatry today, says there can be no justification for using drugs, hypnosis or dream interpretation in treatment as they may distort memory or implant a

new one. Over the last six months the report has split the Royal College, provoking such intense anger amongst members that it psychotherapy. Given the was not published under the college's name. One member of all abuse, even if only a small the working party which wrote the report refused to put his name to it. Another source recovered there should be a sigsaid the original report (the new report is a revised version) was ed cases. In fact there is none." so "inflammatory" that it read like "the British False Memory Society's newsletter".

The question of whether forgotten memories of childhood sexual abuse can be brought back with the aid of therapy has been bitterly conrested since the first cases for to events in the early months emerged in the United States a decade ago.

Many accused parents claim their family lives have been de- as implausible for that reason. stroyed by fantasies planted in their children's minds by unscrupulous therapists. Gary Ramona, a Californian husiness who was undergoing regression

therapy accused him of rape. Barr, argue that if it is possible pathetic and competent care.

dulged in "foul perversions"

Bailey yesterday. Roger

the Bishop of Medway, was "a

children", which was why a

long sentence was required,

er paedophile, who was HIV

of the boys also abused by

Gleaves, was jailed for six years

day, the judge said: "I cannot tell

what harm or damage you may

have done to either or both of

these boys. But I am sure each

was deliberately targeted by

you." He said both boys were

in February.

Richard Becker, 58, anoth-

said Judge Giles Forrester.

Bogus bishop jailed

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for sex attacks

Gleaves, 65, who called himself trusted by them.

positive when he attacked one he a long one."

with learning difficulties, the the boys were 14.

for war victims to block out horrific events, why should this not be true of sexual abuse?

The authors conclude that a growing hody of research indicates that memory is fallible and vulnerable to suggestion, and that no autobiographical mem-"blocked out", a report set up ory can be relied on without by the Royal College of some external corroboration. However, they accept that the secreev surrounding child sex abuse may often make such corroboration difficult to obtain.

"No evidence exists for the repression and recovery of verified severely traumatic events," says the report. "There is also striking absence in the literature of well-corroborated cases of such repressed memory through prevalence of childhood sexuproportion are repressed and only some of them subsequently nificant number of corroborat-

"Memory enhancement" techniques do not enbance memory and there is evidence that they can be "powerful and dangerous methods of persuasion," they say.

"Many of the memories 'recovered by these measures reand years of life which fall within the period of infantile amnesia and must be regarded the report adds.

It concludes by saying that psychiatrists have a duty not to cause harm to patients or their executive, won £335,000 com- families, and any report of child pensation after his daughter sex abuse should be listened to seriously and sympathetically. It adds that whether or not a pa-But those who say they have tient who seeks help has true or been abused, such as the Amer-false memories of past sexual

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said: "I have to consider the

question of public safety and in

particular the safety of children.

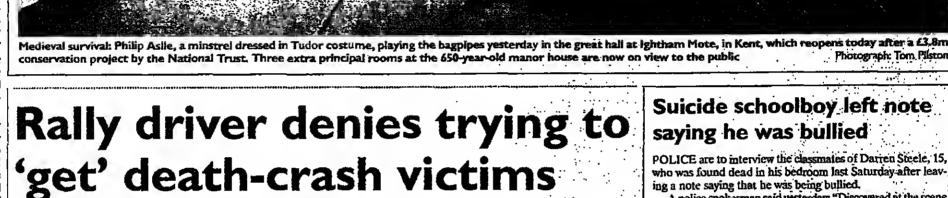
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other, and three counts of

The court heard Gleaves



A RALLY driver accused of killing a young couple by shunting them into the path of an oncoming car told police he bad never meant to hurt them, an Old Bailey court heard yesterday. "The whole thing was a complete nightmare - I am full of remorse, obviously," Jason ican comedienne Roseanne abuse they are entitled to sym- Humble. 33, told officers after his arrest. He admitted in interviews that he was hostile and annoyed with the driver of a Fiesta who was ahead of him on a dual carriageway and would not let him get past.

But he maintained: "In no way did I ram him. I never meant to hurt them at all - I never even knew them." Mr Humble, from Farnborough, Hants. has denied the manslaughter of Toby Exley, 22 and his girlfriend Karen Martin, 20, on 6 October. He also denies causing their death by dangerous driving. He allegedly nudged the Fiesta three times in the rear. causing it to crash through the central reservation of the A316 in Hanworth, west London.

He told police there was only a "very minute possibility" he could have touched the car at fand Park. Tottenham, north all. Mr Humble, a rally comnetitor who described himself as London, was found guilty of Sentencine Gleaves vester- rape, attempted rape, incite-Exley was "obviously trying to bold me up" by driving slowly indecent assault. He was i in the outside lane. "I just becleared of a further rape charge. came frustrated with him - why wouldn't he let me past? There The offences took place in the final six months of 1996 and in was no sense in it." Mr Humparticularly vulnerable, one the following January, when ble said he thought the Fiesta driver was "just a wind-up per- Fiesta bad reeled round and



Jason Humble (above), who is on trial at the Old Bailey for the deaths of Toby Exley and Karen Martin (below)



the best driver ever", said Mr son, It did annoy me but I did behind him at a safe distance and flasbed him, but he ignored me. I came up fairly close. I just wanted him to see I was there. Then he slammed his brakes on - the brake lights went on." The

gone through the reservation. not ram him or anything. I sat Mr Humble allegedly told officers when he was arrested two weeks later. "I was just stunned ... I initially felt like stopping - the next thing I was miles up the motorway ... I knew it was not good, because he went through the thing - you do not

do that without having injuries, do you?... I did not feel responsible, but if I had not been there, it would not have happened ... Two or three things just flashed through my mind. I did not know how to deal with it. I just felt like a spare prick at a wedding and just carried on driving."

Mr Humble denied he deliberately avoided contact with police and was running away or hiding. He said he went home. "I probably went to bed and cried." The first be knew of what had happened was in the local paper the following Thursday. "It was terrible." He had not thought police would believe him. "What everyone was saying was I was a murderer."

Mr Humble said he was "pissed off" when he first encountered the Fiesta as the driver was going 35-to-40mph in front of him. "But I dropped back and let him get away from me, as I hoped he would turn left or right and he would get out of my life ...?

Mr Humble denied police suggestions there was any element of malice - making him think he would "get that driver". "Absolutely not," Mr Humble replied in an interview. Stephen Patterson, a police

accident investigator, said the Fiesta was reduced to a "baoana-type shape", in width about a third of its original size. No defects found on the car

which could have explained what happened.

Warning for

police squad

GANGSTERS may try to use corrupt police officers to infiltrate the new National Crime Squad, the force's director general warned yesterday, writes

Jason Bennetto. Speaking on the eve of the squad's launch, Roy Penrose said that gangs bad in the past used disgraced officers to gain inside information on the activities of regional crime units.

Mr Penrose said special measures would be taken in weed out corruption among any of the 1,450 detectives in the force, which is the first national police squad. "I shall be absolutely nothless in rooting them out," he said.

The NCS will take over from six regional crime squads in England and Wales and will target national and international organised crime. It will be overseen by its own service authority and will work in partnership with the information-gathering organisation, the National Criminal Intelligence Service, which today gains its independence from the Home Office.

Suicide schoolboy left note saying he was bullied

POLICE are to interview the classmates of Darren Steele. 15. who was found dead in his bedroom last Saturday after leaving a note saying that he was being bullied.

A police spokesman said yesterday: "Discovered at the scene was a handwritten note on which he refers to instances of bullying by his peers." He said Darren, of Burton upon Trent, Staffordshire, was a pupil at de Ferrers High School, Burton. where police now plan to interview pupils. "At this stage the police can say that there are no suspicious circumstances surrounding the death. The coroner has been informed and the post mortem results are being awaited. A detailed investigation has been commenced under the supervision of a senior divisional detective officer. We have liaised closely with the head teacher at the school and have the full support and cooperation of the staff and pupils, some of whom may need to be in-

terviewed in the presence of their parents." Superintendent Handel Phillips, of Staffordshire police, said a full report would be sent to the coroner after investigation.

Scottish graduates up 18%

FIGURES published yesterday showed an 18 per cent increase in the number of people graduating from higher education courses in Scotland. But although female graduates outnumbered males according to the latest report, the men edged ahead gaining more first-class honours degrees.

The Scottish Office bulletin, covering statistics for 1996 and contrasting them with 1995, reveals that 1 per cent more men got top bonours with 6 per cent of women scoring a first.

Fifty-three per cent of women and 47 per cent of men qualified from higher education in 1996, and more women successfully completed postgraduate and diploma courses. Almost 84 per cent of graduates and diplomats found jobs or west on to further study. Most chose to remain in Scotland, with 70 per cent finding permanent employment north of the border. The most common type of work was in science and engineering, closely followed by the social services.

Trident protesters defiant

ANTI-nuclear campaigners were last night digging in to resist moves to evict them after 14 years in a make-shift camp outside a top-secret Royal Navy nuclear base. Officials from Argyll and Bute are set to go to court tomorrow for permission to evict Faslane Peace Camp forcibly from outside Clyde Submarine Base, home of Britain's Trident nuclear deterrent.

But after weeks of building elaborate defences, including tunnels and tree houses, the campaigners remain defiant. "This really is our last defence," said a spokesman for the camp, which has occupied the site for more than 14 years. "We have been here for a long time and all of a sudden, just because of a change in council, we are being threatened with eviction. We have put other defences in place ... any moves to force us off this site will not be easy."

Language exams under threat

EXAM watchdogs moved yesterday to safeguard A-levels in Hebrew and a string of other minority languages, writes Ben Russell. The Qualifications and Curriculum Authority announced a deal to offer A-levels in various languages, including Arabic, Bengali. Japanese, Polish and Turkish. The exams had been threatened because of the low take-up among students. Dr Nick Tate, chief executive of the QCA, said: "Although the numbers are small it is the mark of a civilised society thatit seeks to protect the interests of minority groups keen to maintain their own traditions within society.

Murder trial jury sent home

THE jury in the trial of a soldier charged with murder was sent home for the night after failing to reach a verdict following day of deliberations at Bristol Crown Court yesterday. Miles Evans, a 24-year-old Army private, denies murdering Zue Evans, his nine-year-old step-daughter, at Warminster, Wilishire, in January last year. The jury of eight women and four men will return to court this morning - the 13th day of the trial - to. consider its verdict.

Roof goes up on the Dome

WORK began yesterday to put the Teflon-coated poof over the top of the Millennium Dome, in east London. When Enished. the 100,000 square-metre canopy suspended from twelve 100m. high steel masts will be the largest rouf in the world

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West End diners at risk of food poisoning

By Rosa Prince

TOURISTS and diners at restaurants in central London they ear because Westminster system is failing

A spokesman also admitted misleading reports had been of E coli and legionnaires disfiled about the number of m- ease, the council admitted. Hosspections made but denied this pital canteens may also have problems in Westminster's Eq-

ment. An internal council report, leaked to Radio Four's Today programme, showed as Council's food safety inspection borough had not been inspect events in Scotland and the inadequately checked for traces: the inspection list.

gent's Park and Kensington North said: "It is extremely worrying these food outlets are ed. Restaurants and cafes were deaths there from E coli. Let us hope those premises that haven't been inspected are in fact safe."

The council has been ac-

to the public. Westminster is also alleged to have misled the cover up the problem.

The Commission published figures last week showing Westminster, with a 1tht-per-cent was to cover up the serious been among those missed off cused of failing in its statutory two London boroughs to do so. date. He said: "Clearly the duty under Section 40 of the In fact. Tony Lear, director of management process failed.

premises where food is supplied. Westminster, admitted at least. formation properly and we had 1,700 food outlets had slipped an iT system that wasn't through the council's net and risk food poisoning each time many as 3,000 food ontlets; not being inspected, especially. Audit Commission about the had not been inspected. At across London's most-visited in the light of last year's tragic situation by filling inaccurate least 400 of these had still not performance indicators to been visited and the backlog is not expected to be cleared before summer.

Mr Lear said the problem arose as the department's data inspection record, one of only hase had not been kept up to

numicularly adequate.

"We recognised in July 1997 that there was a problem. We thought there were 5,500 food premises in Westminster; in active underestimated by up to

The internal audit of the council's Environmental Health Department revealed files were out of date and inaccurate.

incapable of collecting food tion was being launched to dissamples correctly. One estahthe council 73 times by members of the public, but was still not

inspected, Tessa Jowell, Minister for Public Health, said: "I shall he ... insisting they discharge their duty to protect the health of their residents and the thousands of people who visit

A spokesman for the Audit

Karen Buck, MP for Re- Food Safety Act 1950 to inspect. Environment and Planning at People weren't recording in- Staff were demotivated and Commission said an investigacover it incorrect ligures had lishment had been reported to been filed in its annual publication of local authority performance indicators.

He said: "In providing information to publish, the process is that we rely on the honesty of the authority. It has never been the case in the past that we have been fed information that is incorrect. We are on new ground here."



Pilgrim's progress: Josie Kieran in training for her attempt to climb Everest, which, she says, will be assisted by her Christian faith

civil-defence group.

"I got a plaque and a cer-

tificate for being the first girl

up the mountain and I

couldn't believe it. I was so ex-

cited. I thought I had stood on

the cornerstone of Mount

Everest. It set me on the way

to where I am today and that's

Everest lay dormant in her

thoughts until about 10 years

ago, when she returned to

the hills, first the walk up

Photograph: Tom Conachy

University for industry to boost skills

By Ben Russell Education Correspondent

EDUCATION and training will be revolutionised by plans to offer training to 400,000 people within five years through the new University for Industry.

ministers promised vesterday. A prospectus for the £50m venture said it would be working with tens of thousands of companies within two years of its launch in 2000. Ministers their lunch breaks, or in lihraries and shopping centres using computer technology.

Much work will be in raising hasic reading and maths skills and providing computer training to small and medium firms. David Blunkett, the Educa-

tion Secretary, said: "Our vision is that the University for Industry will revolutionise the way people learn. It will do so by harnessing a range of technologies, from the telephone and television to the Internet. Like the Open University, it will become an integral part of our national life."

The UFI will not he a university in the conventional sense, but will act to raise the profile of vocational education and training among business—cls across the economy.

and individuals. It will act as a clearing house for training courses, putting employers and people in touch with colleges or new hi-tech learning centres.

The university will also monitor skill shortages and commission courses to fill gaps, as well as helping to develop educational software for use over the Internet, Similar work is already under way in hundreds of colleges. But the education minister Baroness Blackstone said want the university to help peo- a new national body was needple take training courses during ed to drive down costs and stimulate demand for training. "It will ensure that British industry will be able to compete with the best in the world; we see the University for Industry leading the learning revolution."

The university will focus on four priorities - literacy and numeracy skills; information and communications technologies; management of small and medium-sized businesses and specific industrial sectors.

Targets announced yesterday include bringing courses to 35,000 retail and distribution firms, 700 businesses in the car industry and 500 hi-tech multimedia firms.

Lord Sainsbury, who will chair the university board, said it was essential to raise skill lev-

A gentle evangelist takes Irish dream to the top of the world

JOSIE KIERAN is searching for words to describe the strength her Christian faith will give her in trying to climb Everest, without at the same time sounding pious. "Prayer is an important part of my life and my rosary beads will give me special encouragement on the mountain."

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Among climbers, as in society as a whole, to talk with such openness of one's spirituality is unusual to say the by avalanche. least. But Josie does so with a gentle ease and without any sense of evangelising. When she says she believes God will acclimatisation will be useful be with her every step of the way on Everest, it is with an uncomplicated faith. -

· Every step of Josie's way the trip. will also be followed by the people of Drogheda and Dundalk in Ireland, close to the border with the North. The 44year-old smiling woman was born in the former and has worked as a nurse in the latter for 21 years. Training for Everest has included an early-morning three-mile walk with a rucksack loaded with sand to go on duty at Louth.

County Hospital. Josie talked of her dream of becoming the first Irish woman to the top of the world as our Himalayan Kingdom's in the village of Khumjung, at least another week away from



Everest Diary

Khumjung, Nepal will have become threatened

In such conditions, it didn't take much discussion to decide to stay put. The slower altitude and it is also a good opportuabout one's companions on

Donnard in the north of freland, then 4,000-metre peaks in the Alps, often on a shoestring of a budget. Her ascent nity to find out a bit more and descent of the Matterhorn was all the more rapid because she could not afford to pay her

She also speaks fervently of her hope that youngsters in Ireland will be inspired to fulfil their dreams

first subject. "I'm just an ordinary woman doing something that is extraordinary." she says. To the job description, 17-year old daughter studying Everest expedition killed time for her school-leaving certificate and full-time nurse, she adds "serious mountaineer". Everest base camp. Half a The seeds were sown when she metre of snow fell overnight, was the same age as her

Josie seemed an interesting guide for a second day. She reached over 7,000m on Cho Oyn in the Himalayns, reached the summit of Huascaran, the second-highest peak in South wife of a farmer, mother of a . America, and the summit of Mt McKinley, the highest in North America. The party was trapped on McKinley for 26 days with rations almost exhausted.

Though climbing Everest is to the surprise of local Sher-daughter Elaine and went on very much a personal ambition will have their prayers for a pas, and stretches of our route a walk up Mount Keadeen in for Josie, she carries an Irish safe return.

Co Wicklow with the local flag to fly at the summit. She seems overawed by the attention lavished on her by her country's leaders. President Mary McAlcese presented her with the national flag and minister of state Michael Brennan invited her to the government buildings in Dublin to hand over £1,000 of climhing equipment. Scaling her celebrity status, she appeared on Iretand's premier chal programme, the Gay Byrne Show.

"It's a very special privilege for me to be given the flag by the First Lady in treland. Wouldn't it be nice if when I was on Everest with the flag something could happen in the parallel dream of peace in the north of Ireland? People are starving for it." She also speaks fervently of her hope that youngsters in Ireland will be inspired to take their own first steps to fulfilling their dreams and turn away from drugs or alcohol.

Himalayan adventurers can be cynical about their sponsors once on their mountain. But not Josie. On a nurse's salary she could never have raised the £30,000 cost of a commercial expedition without hefty support and she is grateful to Aer Rianta of Dublin airport, Fyffes bananas of Dundalk and her builder brothers. Schools have also held bring-and-buy

And as she nears the mountain, Josie also knows she



Warning on drugs for the mentally ill

DOCTORS were vesterday urged not to prescribe drugpatients who may become viglent, writes Glenda Cooper.

The Royal College of Psychiatrists said many doctors are administering high doses of drugs to calm down aggressive patients, which some argue may contribute to sudden deaths.

The college's report follows widespread concern about the cocktails to control mentally ill increasing numbers of violent attacks on NHS staff and patients in psychiatric hospitals

and casualty departments. "Violence in the NHS has to 24,000 in England - nursing vacy and safety which are become much more common over the past ten years," said Dr and alcohol abuse have been of properly trained nurses and Robert Kendell, chairman of the steering group.

wards by up to 120 per cent, the published new guidelines to threefold increase in the number of people detained com- in psychiatric hospitals. It recpulsorily in psychiatric hospitals ommended well-planned since 1980 - from 8,000 a year wards with space, comfort, prishortages and widespread drug staffed with adequate numbers blamed for the increase in vio-good communication hetween lence in the NHS over the last staff and patients,

Overcrowding of psychiatric 30 years. The college yesterday minimise the chance of violence

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Evans wins breakfast battle of hype with nomination for radio Oscar

Media Correspondent

handed a new victory in his battle with Radio 1's hreakfast show. The ginger DJ's Virgin radio show has been nominated in the breakfast category in the radio world's Oscars - the Sony Radio Awards - but Zoe Ball and Kevin Greening's Radio 1 show has been ignored by

Evans has already managed to augment his breakfast show audience faster than his BBC rivals, although the highprofile hattle of hype that started when both shows began on the same day has brought in more listeners to both programmes.

Chris Evans's show is up agairist the veteran hroadcaster Terry Wogan, who is nominated for his Wake up to Wogan Radio 2 programme, and the London dance station Kiss 100 FM's Steve Jackson's Morning

Glory show. Two years ago, when Chris Evans was at Radio 1, he angrily refused to collect his Sony award for British broadcaster of the year because he was beaten to the breakfast show prize by Virgin Radio's

The BBC would only say that it had "no pre-ordained right" to a Sony nomination for the breakfast show. The corporatioo still dominates the wards, with 58 nominations across the 26 categories and Radio 1 itself gets six nomina-

These include the highly prestigious DJ of the year nomination for Chris Moyles, who only received his own Until oow he has been

deputising on the hreakfast show and the early-morning show, hut has now been given his own programme on a Saturday mornings.

Moyles is up against fellow Radio 1 DJ Jo Whiley and

troversial broadcaster Chris commation in the comedy category for his early-hours programme Blue Jam, which began a oew series last week.

Morris is up against the local radio station Magic 1548's Hold Your Plums Christmas Special and Radio 4's On the Town with the League of Gentlemen.

Other ootable nominations include the Radio 5 Live hroadcaster Nicky Campbell, who is up for an award in the Talk/News category after making the unusual transition from music DJ to current affairs hroadcaster.

Campbell's show is up against the comedian Mark Lamarr's talk programme on BBC GLR and the Stephen Rhodes Show on BBC Three Counties Radio.

The awards will be presented in Londoo on 7 May.



Clinic shuts its doors to sex-abuse priests

A REHABILITATION clinic where the Roman Catholic Church sends alcoholic, gay and psycho-sexual problems.

This month, the Archbishop called the Servants of the Par- to be treating wounded clergy." aclete, to discuss its future.

The clinic, in Brownshill, Gloucestershire, and known by clergy simply as "Stroud", pur- who is responsible for handling ports to offer "therapy in a spir- the problem of clerical sexual itual context". Residents stay there for between a year and 18 said last week that he believed months, during which time they Our Lady of Victory was to are forced to face up to their failings. Until now, it has been sure was put to him, he said: the Roman Catholic Church's

The move is blamed on the sensationalism of such issues

answer to dealing with errant priests.

A statement from Fr Liam House, the sector appointment in the order, who has come over from the United States, said that the archbishop had been appointed "to assist us refocus our priorities in ministry and to define future directions".

In the past year, three of the eleven "core" clinical staff at Our Lady of Victory, including the recently appointed clinical director, Fr John Murphy, have left. The reasons given by Fr Hoare are stress, end of contract and iltness. For instance, "John Murphy left on December 1st because of the stress inherent in holding two positions - that of clinical director of the treatment centre and his other work

outside the centre." While the Vatican intervention is understood to be an "investigation" within Catholic circles. Fr Hoare vesterday insisted: "It is not an investigation. It is a visitation, which is a clerical term." The Servants of baby, he committed suicide by the Paraclete requested the vis-throwing himself under a train.

Prime Health

it because 1997 was their 50th anniversary, be added.

Rumours that Strood is closing because of improper sexual relationships between staff paedophiliac clergyman has been and clients were emphatically put under a Vatican review. The rejected by Pr Hoare. "Those clinic has admitted that it can no are the rumours simply belonger cope with priests who have cause we are the only treatment centre that is still open," be said. "We do have our critics, our enof Chicago, Cardinal Francis emies and disaffected former George, is to meet staff at Our "graduates, and there's a lol of Lady of Victory, which is run by anti-Catholic feeling out there. an American religious order It's not fashionable or profitable

> The Right Rev Christopher Budd, the hishop of the Roman Catholic diocese of Portsmouth abuse in England and Wales, close. When the prospect of clo-"Yes, yes. That's my understanding from one or two sources. Obviously nothing has been announced officially from Stroud."

Fr Hoare said that the centre had decided to stop treating priests with problems of sexual ideouty, homosexual or heterosexual relationships and paedo-

philia "because of the sensationalism surrounding such issues". He said: "We've had people like yourselves enscooced outside our centre ... knocking at our door, interrupting staff. It's been horrendous ... If people are in your parking lot, how can you treat people?"

When asked if media hindrance was the only reason for the move. Fr Hoare admitted that Stroud did not have the specialised skills to deal with "high risk cases" and that they had come to the conclusion that treatment io a secular institution would be more effective.

Servants of the Paraclete was established at Jemez Springs, New Mexico, in 1947, by Fr Gerald Fitzgerald. In the Sixties the order opened its only English house, at Brownshill, which is oow understood to have about 30 residents.

Our Lady of Victory hit the headlines in 1993 when Fr Sean Seddon, a 38-year-old priest, was sent there after a six-year affair with a teacher. On learning that his lover had lost their

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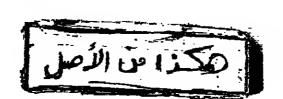








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Blair awaits call to become Ulster peace-broker

David McKittrick

TONY BLAIR will go to Belfast next week to act as the peace-broker in Northern Ireland if Senator George Mitchell, chairman of the peace talks, calls at Downing Street. The Prime the Prime Minister into their final stages.

With time running out for a peace settlement before the 9 Bertie Ahern, the Taoiseach. April deadline, Downing Street sources last night said Mr Blair was ready to respond if the call came from Senator Mitchell.

"There is a desire to get this thing going. If he needs to get involved he will do," said the Prime Minister's spokesman.

Mr Blair's offer to take personal charge of the talks yesterday came as he engaged in a round of last-minute negotiations with party leaders, including Gerry Adams, the president of Sinn Fein, in an attempt to bridge the gap between the parties.

Differences remain over the nature and powers of the cross-

pensable to any new arrangeweekend at Chequers and last night discussed the cross-border bodies with John Hume, the leader of the nationalist SDLP Minister will tonight intensify the search for a peaceful settle-

Mr Blair is also secking to narrow the gap between the Unionists and the nationalists over the powers of the Ulster asthe three strands on Friday for the final lap of the talks.

Officials emphasised that Mr Blair was not showing any lack of confidence in Mo Mowlam, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, by stepping up

his involvement in Ulster. Duhlin sources said Mr Blair would go to Belfast if the differences between the sides had work to be done. The differists, led by David Trimble, are ences would have to be narstill resisting, and which the rowed and it's too early to say

"If everyone knew the Prime ments. Mr Blair held private Minister was going to be there. talks with Mr Trimble over the they may not try to narrow the gap at this stage."

Downing Street was also heartened by a survey in Ulster showing that 77 per cent of those polled were likely to vote "ves" in the referendum which is due to be held in May if the parties can agree a package for an assembly, north-south bodies, and the arrangements between the two governments. The survey by the independent Rowntree Trust showed wide sembly under strand one of support for a Belfast assembly, the talks. Senator Mitchell is and backing for constitutional due to deliver a joint paper on reform. It also showed that and 97 per cent of Protestants and 33 per cent of Catholies

wanted to stay in the UK. As the pace quickened yesterday in the run-up to the Stormont deadline, there was a flurry of meetings and contacts both in Belfast and in London.

Some of these were described as difficult, particularly in relation to the question of narrowed. "There is a lot of arrangements in the new Belfast assembly, and differences were highlighted on whether it should be run by a cabinet-style



Green machines: Bikers gathering yesterday at Westminster to lobby for changes in the law to encourage the use of motorcycles, which they say are more environmentally friendly than cars and can help solve transport problems

Boasting for Britain wins few EU friends

TONY BLAIR raised eyebrows in Brussels yesterday by publishing a list of 45 "achievements" to underpin a confident claim that, halfway through its six-month presidency of the EU, Britain is "returning Europe to the people".

The scoresheet, which Downing Street's official spokesman, Alistair Campbell, took time to personally promote, included the following triumphs: David Blunkett chaired a meeting about life-long learnett stressed the importance of modern companies during a debate in the European Parliament; "good progress" on ways of improving life for animals in zoos was noted; and the need for measures to lower tele-

phone hills was "highlighted". Foreign Secretary Rohin Cook (praised in Mr Blair's statement as "brilliant") interrupted a press conference on EU expansion in Brussels yesterday to record his personal victories over the past three months. These included a "quick response" to massacres in Algeria, and "injecting new impetus" into the Middle East peace process with his recent visit.

The public relative exercise, cointing up that a happy relationship with Europe can make British people (and zoo animals) happy, too, was clearly aimed at a sceptical domestic audience and that is where it ought to have tayed, some in Brussels thought. Tony Blair's list of 'achievements' is meant for British ears, reports

Katherine Butler

"This is spinology of the of need to flog this stuff at home. It is all about turning around British public opinion."

For some, laying claim to so many "British achievements" particularly given Mr Blair's debiggest impact of all on ordinary people-monetary union - was a bit rich. "The British are good housekeepers. But you could not call their presidency ambitious. In fact, nothing is happening." working their way through the agenda, but let's not exaggerate".

All governments like to present their stint in the EU chair as successes, but there was a strong feeling in Brussels yesterday that putting out dubious "production figures" is an irritant which takes away from Britain's genuine achievements.

Many of the 45 successes attributed to Britain have come are finalised in four weeks time.

along on the EU's decision. making conveyor belt and would have happened anyway. The cheekiest claim has to be. that landmark reports on who qualifies for the single currency. published last week by the Enropean Commission, were re-

lated to the British presidency. happy to admit that both Gor-"It's funny, we always don Brown and Mr Cook, who thought the British style was understated," quipped a German meetings, are skilled chairmen diplomat. Another EU official who operate with the right mix humour and patience. Mr highest order. It's obvious they Cook, in particular, has won friends by displaying what French minister Huhert

Vedrine calls his "drole spirit". Others, in particular the Dutch, are less happy with Britain's go-it-alone strategy cision to keep the UK out of the for example, during the Iraq cri-EU project, which will have the sis - hut nevertheless appreciate Mr Cook's style. Jack Cunningham, the agriculture minister, has also secured the first lifting of the British heef ban, thanks to an approach in which he worked band in hand said a Dutch source. They are with the Brussels Commission.

But Britain's relationship with Europe remains uneasy. With one eye on Rupert Murdoch and the votes of Sun readers. Mr. Blair remains on the fence on the single currency. And lecturing his EU peers about radical economic reform will carry less and less authority if Britain is not in the inside lane once the big Euro decisions

union rights

UNION leaders will tonight begin their final round of talks to persuade ministers to deliver the Labour Party's manifesto commitment to a law enforcing union recognition, writes Barrie Clement.

A team led by John Monks, general secretary of the TUC, will meet Margaret Beckett, President of the Board of Trade, and express their concerns over barriers they believe may be erected in the way of union representation. Mr Monks vesterday told a special executive meeting of the TUC that he was optimistic about the White Paper, which will contain clauses on union recognition, but there were still areas which "remain difficult". Union leaders fear the Government is seriously considering a proposal by the Confederation of British Industry to exclude small firms from the proposed law. Employers have asked ministers to frame legislation so that organisations employing fewer than 50 people are not involved.

The TUC leader will tell Mrs Beckett and lan McCartney, Minister of State at the Department of Trade and Industry, that such a proposal would mean that 8 million British workers would be denied their rights. In a briefing after the TUC executive, Mr Monks said that to ignore small firms would be to exclude a disproportionately large number of women, people from ethnic hackgrounds and youngsters from the law. It would also exclude unions from the vital areas of health and safety where some of the "worst conditions are to be found in small firms."

TUC push for Dobson's £5.3m health windfall

ELEVEN deprived areas are to share a windfall of £5.3m to pioneer ways of tackling health problems, Frank Dobson, Secretary of State for Health, announced yesterday, writes

Jeremy Laurance. The health action zones, which include inner city and rural areas covering a population of six million, will experiment with new services for diabetes, heart disease, cervical screening and child health and will aim to break down barriers between health and social services.

Plans to establish the zones were announced last June after Mr Dobson complained of the "Berlin walls" which divided doctors, social workers and voluntary groups, which meant care was moulded to the needs of institutions rather than individuals.

The zones, which include Bradford, Luton, and the east-London boroughs of Hackney Newham and Tower Hamlets, were selected from 41 areas, covering 49 of the 100 health authorities in England, which applied for the extra cash. They are seen by ministers as a way

The £5.3m allocated for this year, £1m more than expected, will be followed by £30m next year when a second wave of zones will be selected. Each zone will be funded for seven years Leading article, page !

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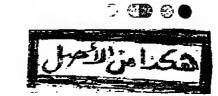
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Artists' court plea tests limits of decency

By David Usborne in New York

THEY did not know it, but the nine justices of the US Supreme case was Finley v Justice De-Court were spending part of yesterday sitting for their portraits. Nor did they know what the artist had in mind for them - sketches of each of them, not their robes, but cross-dressed. Clarence Thomas in a skirt. In-

The doodler is the perfor-

Supreme Court yesterday. The partment and it goes back to a Victims Ready. . .

The centrepiece involved naked and smearing her body with chocolate sauce. Satirising the need of women to make

mance artist Karen Finley; red sweets on her nipples and provocation is her speciality, sprinkled her body with hean which is why she was at the shoots to denote sperm. That was when trouble began for Ms Finley and three other artists.

Victims coincided with a de-1990 show entitled We Keep Our bate about government funding for art deemed by some to be obscene that was first sparked Ms Finley, now 41, appearing in 1989 by exhibits by the homoerotic photographer Robert Mapplethorpe, and Andres Sarrano, the man behind Piss claiming abuse of freedom of Christ, which featured urine

and a crucifix. Ms Finley and her They won - twice. Now the Clin- are not saying they have a right number and, for \$1.25 a minute. Helms, the senator who has led peers became known as the NEA Four, when the National Endowment of the Arts withheld promised funds. It was reluctantly obeying a law passed in the wake of the Map- year.

standards of decency" before awarding grants to artists. The NEA Four filed suit. speech by the government.

ton administration is appealing cision is expected rater this

The issue remains clear-cut plethorpe-Sarrano rumpus stipulating that it consider "general and the debate surrounding it is as ferocious as in 1990; Gives the government have the constitutional right to withhold offend some people? "They

to ... funding," David Coke, Ms. against the rulings at the Finley's lawyer, said. "But they Supreme Court. Yesterday's are saying they have a right to hearings tasted an hour; a de- be considered fairly for a federai grant and not disadvantaged because of the viewpoints. they express with their art".

It is serious stuff but Ms Finley, who lives north of New York City, is having tun with it. We know this because of her curfunding because some art may - rent project, best described as 1-900-ALL-KAREN, Dial this

you will hear a phone "performance" by Ms Finley which she changes every day. Yesterday, it was about her court appearance. What she offered was a description of what she would Moschino pants" - and details of her plan to spend five minportraits. She does give time though to assaulting Jesse

the charge against funding for artists he considers obscene. "Yesterday I had a realisation. Jesse Helms sexually harassed Performance seems a stretch. The on my job. He eroticised my work, he harassed me and i realised I'm in a state of victimwear in court - "blue faux-tiger hood and I have been ashamed and humiliated". Mr Helms was not in court yesterday. So utes each on the cross-dressing in o dress and carrings for him.

Bleeding for their art. Eye, pages 4 and 5

US says peace process dead in the water

AT THE best of times Dennis Ross, the United States peace Palestinians a long way from the envoy, looks like a spaniel down on its luck, but after the failure of his latest four-day effort to breath life into the peace. process between Israel and the Palestinians be left Israel looking particularly doleful.

Rubin, the US State Department spokesman in Washington. admitted that the peace process was in "dire straits" and listed the topics on which there was no progress. The most important of these is the Israeli witbdrawal from most of the West Bank, as envisaged by the Oslo



Dennis Ross: Hangdog expression is justified.

accords, with Israel offering for the present stage of the pullback just 9 per cent, the US insisting on 13.1 per cent and the 30 per cent they originally expected to get. Both sides are taking "uni-

lateral steps" to pre-empt finalstatus negotiations, Mr Rubin said. The most significant of. these is the expansion of Israeli He has reason-to. James settlements on the West Bank -The main road from Tel Aviv to. the Jordan Valley is being broadened daily into a trunk road through the West Bank, Israel's West Bank civil administration has just rejected Palestinian opposition to a plan to quintuple the size of Ma 'aleh Adumim, a Jewish settlement just to the east of Jerusalem, to make it slightly larger in area than Tel Aviv.

The State Department also lamented the lack of progress on providing Gaza, the seat of the mini-state of Yasser Arafat, the Palestinian leader, with an airport; seaport and industrial park. The Israelis say the Palestinians have not done all they could to provide security for Isnot holding talks with Syria or Lebanon and there was growing Middle East disillusionment about what peace would bring. Israeli and Patestinian lead-



A Palestinian demonstrator wounded during clashes with Israeli soldiers in Salfit, West Bank, yesterday Photograph: AFP

there will be a confrontation between Benjamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, and US President Bill Clinton. The US could unveil its own peace rael. Mr Rubin said Israel was proposals or denounce Mr Netanyahu's intransigence. The latter appears to think that be can face down anything Mr Clinton throws at him.

Mr Netanyahu is ln a

ers are now waiting to see if stronger political position domestically than he was last year, with less division within his cahinet and an ineffective Labour opposition. Mr Arafat wants to make friends in Wash-Union and seek greater support from the Arab states; so far this has produced few dividends.

Also favouring Mr Netanyahu is the lack of violence. Rabin and Shimon Peres, his

Since he opened a tunnel in Labour predecessors, did not. Jerusalem under the Muslim quarter in Jerusalem in 1996. which produced widespread fighting and more than 60 dead. fewer Israelis and Palesunians ington, cultivate the European are dying than when enthusiasm for Oslo was at its height. Many Israeli voters are concluding that Mr Netanyahu can deliver the goods in a way that Yizhak

This may not last. On Sunday a large car bomb hlew up in Ra-

mallah, a Palestinian enclave north of Jerusalem, killing the driver who was probably preparing to attack an Israeli target. This may have been in retaliation for the three Palestinians shot dead earlier last month at a checkpoint outside Hebron.

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Pay-for-play radio turns tables on record companies

By Mary Dejevsky

in Washington

INSTEAD of complaining about the mouey they have to pay to record companies for the right to play hit records, impoverished British stations could try following an American example.

Since January a radio station in Portland, Oregon, in the north-west of the United States, has been paid to play certain records - by the record company. Under the initial deal, a

Los Angeles record company, Flip/Interscope, paid the rock music station KUFO-FM the sum of \$5,000 (£3,100) to have one of their records -Counterfeit, by a heavy-metal band called Limp Bizkit played 50 times on air over five weeks.

The radio station had been reflectant to play the record before, regarding it as a little "too hard" for its audience. Now more pay-for-play deals are in the pipeline, and some of the biggest radio-station owners in the US - CBS radio and Jacor Communications - are reported to be interested.

The practice is controversial hecause it recalls earlier scandals where disc jockeys admitted taking and from record compriles in return for

playing certain artists and certain tracks. The difference is that in these deals it is the radio stations that benefit and the deal is announced on air. much like a paid commercial. For disc-jockeys and presenters on US commercial stations, who are required to read paid-for advertisements in between records, and even interspersed between news items, the new arrangements will be less of an imposition than they would be in Britain.

Critics of pay-for-play deals say that the opportunities for abuse are too great and claim that new bands could find it even harder to get their records on air than they do at present it radio stations demand a premium for broadcasting unknowns. Some record labels and fringe groups contend, however, that paying for broadcast time could be the only way that less popular bands can get on the

This being America, the clinching argument for radio stations tempted by pay-forplay is that the market will decide. Ultimately, they say, if radio stations "sell" too many slots for records that their listeners do not want to hear. people will switch off. The station will lose advertising and risk going out of business.

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Hindu holy men nomy on warpath at Ganges festive! Ganges festival **Peter Popham**

ment was confirmed in power in Delhi, the most fanatical and extreme of all Hindus think Socialist Workers Party or Communist Party of Great Britain (Marxist-Leninist) as compared to the British Labour the profane Party - were attacking one another with swords and sticks in one of the holiest cities in the

On Saturday evening Atal Behari Vajpayee's government won a confidence motion by 13 votes. Several hours earlier. oaked, ash-covered sadhus, some brandishing cutlasses. others galloping on horseback, drove crowds of panicking pil-

in Hardwar sees a dangerous mix of the sacred and

grims from the streets of Hardvar, northern India, and settled their differences in hand-tohand fighting. At least 50 people were injured. The occasioo was the Kumbh Mela, the most important and popular festival. in Hinduism and claimed to be the largest gathering of humanity on earth: when Jupiter' enters Aquarius, the Sun enters Aries and the waters of the Ganges at Hardwar are temporarily transformed, it is be-

This only happens once every 12 years, and when it does, millions of Hindus converge on the city (normal population 200,000). By the time this year's event reaches its climax on 13 April, it is expected 10 million will have plunged into the Ganges to wash away-

The focus of activity is Har-ki-Pauri, "Vishnu's Footprint", the most upriver of the bathing places, or ghats, which during the fair lives up to Geoffrey Moorhouse's description of it as a combination of Blackpool and Lourdes. Dozens of temples, gandy with oew paint, sparkle in the sun. Yhrongs of pilgrims, exhausted by journeys that may have taken weeks, plod across the bridges to the ghat and lower themselves gratefully into the bracing, fastflowing water.

The scene is medieval: vast crowds, bags and bundles oo their heads, wrapped in blankets against the morning chilf, trudging along the river, sannyasin (holy men) in saffron or sects, the Juna and the Niranpink robes and turbans, bearing jani, have had a long dispute campments with thousands of the Ganges during the festival. campfires; the main street On Saturday their hostility jostling with pilgrims, fragrant erupted in street fighting, as with incense, betel nut, bidis naked sadhus duelled with cutand spices. The festival has been held here since the third with sticks, or threw stones. Sadcentury BC.

But there are modern stresses, too. Recent fairs have been pilgrims and foreign tourists, dogged by tragedy. In 1954 at the Kumhh Mela in Allahabad - another holy city - hundreds of pilgrims were crushed to death. At Hardwar's last Kumhh Mela in 1986, many more died in another stampede. To avert disaster, the police are - caparisoned elephants and camels processing through the blamed for the mayhem at past

streets rang with shouting and singing and laughter and chaint and you may have some idea ing as pilgrims poured in. In the how they feel

morning they lined up for the main event of the fair, the processioo through the town and along the river to Hara-ki-pauri. The gurus of each sect, in safdecorated carts surrounded by attendants and sheltered by golden parasols. In between, rancous and anarchic wedding bands, done up in white suits with mauve or crimson caps and puttees, blasted away oo silver

trumpets and horns and drums. This was from 9am, as the Suddenly there was a weird ulcame hundreds of naked sadhus, their hair long and matted, bodies caked with the ash of cow pressing madly through the streets towards the river.

As the holiest figures in Organised (despite their disorganised appearance) into rival Hindu spirituality: "extremely uncootrollable" as one bystander put it with feeling. Their regime of cold baths, meditation, dope-smoking, wrestling and utter frugality combines un-

> Ash-covered sadhus, some with cutlasses some on horses, settled their differences

cissism and an irreligious degree of pride. Two of the lasses, belaboured each other hus tossed policemen into the river, vengeful police beat up and it was five hours before order was restored. Next day the

Townspeople were shocked by this unprecedented violence. A student suggested a political explanation: "Now the Hindu nationalists are in power at the obiquitous, and have banned centre, the sadhus feel more much of the pomp and colour self-assertive. But at the same time, the BJP [the Hindu nationalist party] has distanced itstreets, for example, which were self from Hindu extremists, so they feel frustrated and coo-

It remains quite an occasion, Think of the mood of the all the same. All night the hard left in Britain when a Labour government gets in,

London debut for China's new chief

By Rupert Comwell

ZHU RONGJI arrived in Britain yesterday for his eagerly awaited debut on the international stage as China's Prime Minister, oo a visit which both the Foreign Secretary, Robin London and Peking insist will inaugurate a post-Hong Kong new phase in their relations.

From Heathrow, Mr Zhu went straight to Buckingham Palace for an audience with the Queen. Today he has a packed schedule in London, including a visit to the Bank of England, and holding talks with the Prime Minister at Downing Street tomorrow morning, before a European Union/China summit. Then follows the Asia-Europe summit, at which he will also be both star attraction and most important single participant, before leaving for an official visit to France.

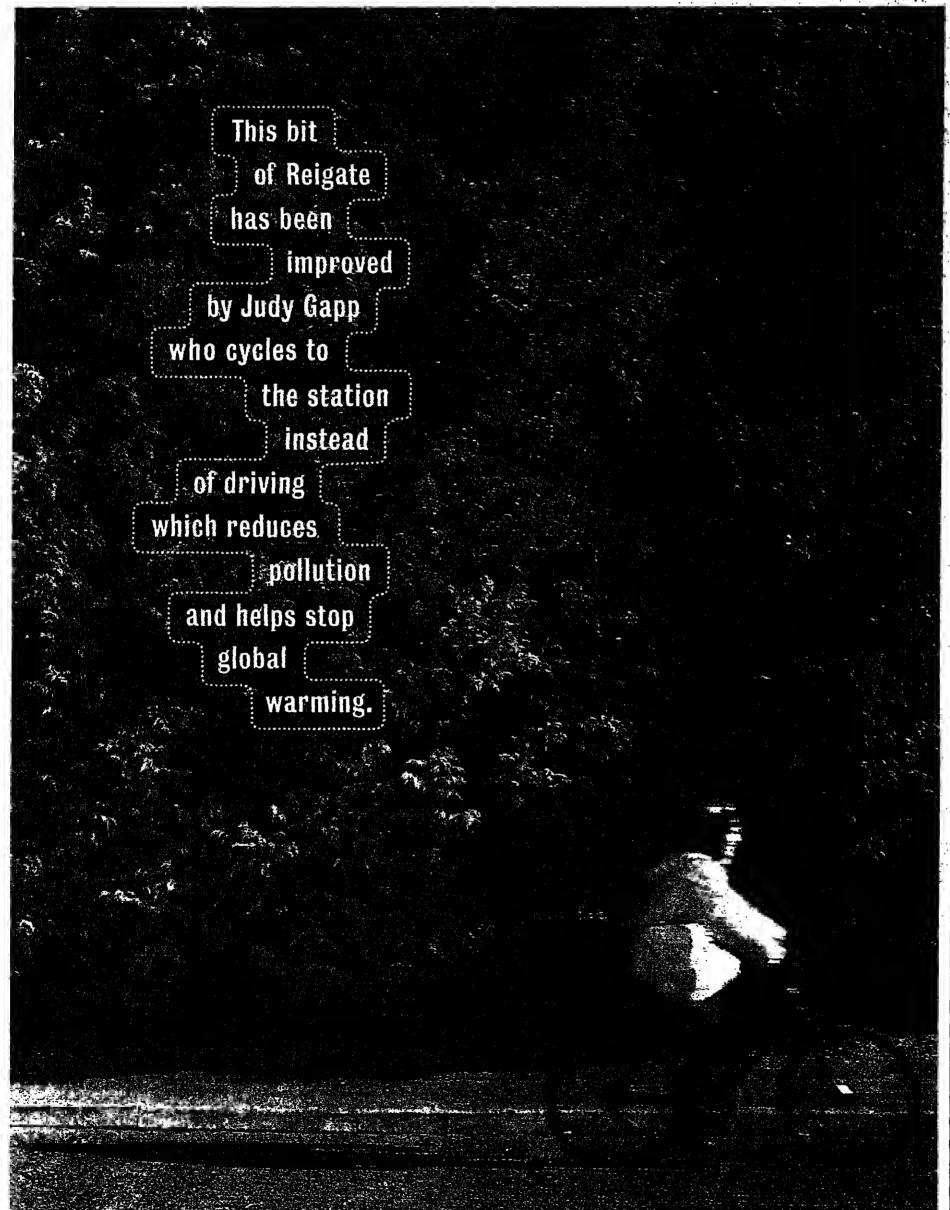
British officials are delight-ed that the first foray of Mr Zhu, fluent English-speaker, should be to London. It recalls the West's first close look at another Communist leader pledged to

reform, 14 years ago. Then, Margaret Thatcher proclaimed Mikhail Gorbachev a "man we can do business with." The hope is the same with Mr Zhu, whose stay was a "major event,"

Cook, said yesterday. Human rights and China's disregard oo occasion for worldtrade rules will, as always, be spectres at the feast. But the EU's refusal to join the UN Human Rights Commission in criticising China has largely defused the first cootroversy while Mr Zhu has earned the West's praise and gratitude for promising not to devalue the yuan, a step which might have rendered Asia's financial crisis uncontrollable.

Britain hopes the impro atmosphere, the removal of the irritant of Hong Kong, an the promise of a modernise Chinese financial and banki system will produce a windfa for business. Britain is largest EU investor in Ch participating in 1,800 joint

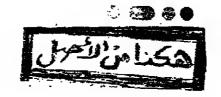




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nen Static Japanese economy wakes up to Big Bang

By Richard Lloyd Parry

APRIL Fool's Day has never really caught on in Japan and this year, even more than usual, to- In 1989, the value of companies 1986; in a similar way it seeks they will be a solemn and joketree day. It is the beginning of he new financial year, and a ime of unusual anxiety, with the series of tumbles on the stock fonal competition. Some will ontinuing uncertainty of the Asian economic crisis. But third place, behind New York for a while at least but, at the hove all it is significant as the and London. beginning of something which has been eagerly and tensely awaited since its announcement a year and a half ago. Few lapanese understand exactly what it means; no one knows. whether or not it will work. The easiest thing about it is its name. It is the "Big Bang".

Biggu Ban (as it is known in Japanese) is no joke, indeed, on the face of it, it is a yawn: a series of changes in Japanese laws and rules designed to libcralise the financial markets.

If the Big Bang works, Japan will be assured of its status as the world's second financial superpower, a magnet for money and financial expertise from all over the world. If they fail, it is feared, the country will dwindle in power and influence to become the Switzerland of Asia, a place of expertise, but little influence. "It is like Japan nance, which plays a large role is sinking," Juichi Yamanaka, an economist with Nippon Life Insurance Co. said this week... "Unless it changes fast it will tion; they make profits, but the tions are good, but the Big

banking system is shackled with competitive and mefficient. bad debts left over from the

is regulation. In Europe and America, the guiding philosophy is survival of the fittest. Fi-

'It is like lapan is sinking. Unless it changes fast it will lose hope of staying afloat.'

nancial companies are largely left to themselves to prosper or movement of market forces.

In Japan, they are subject to the wishes of the Ministry of Fiin determining who can do what. Those who co-operate are protexted from outside competi-

economy has been stagnating encourages the talented, is stifled. with close to zero growth. The "As a result, they are flabby, un-

Biggu Ban takes its name "bubble economy" of the 1980s. from London's Big Bang of was the highest in the world. and expose Japanese companies This week, after the latest in a to the chill winds of internaexchange, Tokyo slipped into perish quickly, most will stagger end of it, the theory goes, they The principal reason for will be fitter, stronger and betthis, everyone seems to agree, ter able to serve their customers and markets.

> In fact the Bang is more of a series of burps than a single explosion; further changes will come in between now and 2001.

Many things could go wrong before this brave new world becomes a reality. Japan's hureaucrats, whose power depends on their ability to control the levers of the financial industry will do all they can to resist the changes. Secondly, as the architect of the Bang, Ryutaro Hashimoto, Japan's Prime Minister, may find himself out on his ear. Before its beneficial effects register, the programme fail according to their own luck, , will result in long established indgement and the natural Japanese companies, traditional supporters of his Liberal Democratic Party, being-driven out of business. Finally the plan depends on an acceptance of foreign competition, a concept alien to traditional Japanese business thinking. The inten-



Change on the horizon: A Tokyo stock market dealer using binoculars to monitor

lose any hope of staying affoat." process of natural selection Bang may yet turn out to be no For most of the decade, the which weeds out the failures and more than an April Fool. Drivers gear up for the end of the forecourt's five-star service

TODAY, for the first time, Rather like the tea ceremo. And soon it will be no longer. Japanese motorisis will be able. my, which begins to cast its. The truth is that the the to drive into a petrol station, fill spell in the tranquil garden petrol stations do not provide up their engines and pay for it surrounding the tea house, the their service simply out of con-Richard Lloyd Parry.

a country renowned for its service, nothing matches the simple experience of visiting a Japanese petrol station. Nothing like it has been seen in to fill your tank, check your oil, Britain since the good old days: And now it is under threat, from pigeon excrement on the wind the unstoppable forces of deregulation:

shouting "Welcomel", emerge water and tyres, and attend to screen. It is the automobile equivalent of a relaxing massage

completely unassisted, writes Japanese petrol experience be scientiousness; until today it has gins before you have even been simply against the rules for Elsewhere, this would be a swung onto the forecourt. Japanese to fill their own cars, routine chore. Here it is an un. Alerted by the engine note of on the grounds that it is simply known experience, for even in your car, a young man (or two) too dangerous. The arrangebegins simultaneously waving ment had its advantages - apart and bowing you in. Cohorts of from pampering motorists, it other helpers, all bowing and provided jobs to even the least qualified school drop-out. The cost was reflected in the prices - but since the same rule applied to all, the petrol companies did not complain. The only victims were consumers, paying

choice whether to accept or not.

witness one example after anwhich could just as easily be pears absurdly inefficient, a waste of taxpavers' or customers' money. But it is a reflection of the way in which private and public enterprises act as an unofficial welfare state, protecting from unemployment those who might oth-

To walk through Tokyo is to its services to the forces of \$0 year a litre; so will the numother of unnecessarily em- choice, the Ministry of Home (from an average of eight atployed people, like the man Affairs has yielded to the in-

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Gaullism on trial as Papon awaits fate

By John Lichfield

CAN there be such a thing as a white-collar crime against humanity? The trial of the Vichy hureaucrat Maurice Papon, the longest and most morally complex trial in France for half a cenury, will end today.

After hearings sprawling intermittently over six months, atter taking evidence from 133 witnesses and examining 50,000 pages of documents, the jury is expected to deliver its verdict by the end of the week, maybe as soon as tomorrow.

There is no doubt that Papon, 87, is guilty of something. I has been established that in 1942-44, as a senior official in the Gironde, he efficiently, and sometimes enthusiastically. helped to send 1,560 Jews from the Bordeaux area to an internment camp near Paris, and ultimately to Auschwitz, Only 30 of the deportees survived.

But is Papon, who had a glittering political career in postwar France, guilty as charged with "complicity in crimes against humanity"." The trial has established that on some occuions he showed great zeal in doing the paperwork to round up Jews. On other occasions, he helped "interesting Jews" to escape. Towards the end of the war, he provided assistance to the Resistance, However, it emerged that he had not helped either the Jews or the Resistance as much as he claimed.

Even the prosecution has not asked for a life sentence against Papon but instead for a 20-year jail term. Given his great age. his amounts to the same thing. It also amounts to an admission that his guilt was relative. Can there be such a thing as lesser crimes against humanity? The jury, composed of nine jurors and three judges, must wrestle with these philosophical-political questions, as much as with

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regime of 1946-44. He survived the post-war purges to take posts of ever-increasing importance under Charles de Gauile and Valery Giscard d'Estaing. He was budget minister when his role in deporting Jews was unmasked in 1981.

In this sense, the second undeclared defendant in the Papon trial, has been Gaullism as much as Vichyism. The Papon hearings are ending when many of the same issues are dangeroasly live in French politics. Viehy politicians and officials collaborated because they convinced themselves that this was the best way to rebuild French strength and pride.

Much the same arguments are deployed by those politicians of the traditional Right, in-



Maurice Papon: Rose to high office after the war

cluding some low-ranking Gaullists, who have made deals with the Vichy-apologising National Front in recent days.

The likelihood is that the jury will feel constrained to convict Papon because to acquit him would be to acquit Vichy, to acquit the Holocaust, and to acquit the post-war policy of official amnesia. In any case, Papon will appeal and will almost certainly never go to jail. His wife of 60 years died last week.

The 50 civil parties to the trial, relatives of the Jews Papon helped to deport, said they had no objection to Papon going home to bury his wife. But they said that it should not be forleaning pre-war governments to gotten that they had never been

Summer hits the city and stirs up sexual angst

rell darn, it's summer again. From show to 80-degree sun (yes. we still use fabrenheit over here) in just four days. As the: New York Times put it today, it's the triumph of El Springo over El Nino. Not everyone is happy. An office colleague is pining for winter already. Heat doesn't agree with her low blood pressure and anyway. she says. New York is a bad summertime city. When the thermometer climbs, she needs to be heside the sea. Funny, here we are on an island surrounded by ocean but most of us don'r

even notice. My problem with Gothamin the sun has to do with sex. As the layers fall away and skin makes its annual comeback, it becomes so much harder not to think about it. About how everyone is so much more attractive than you are (balding, thickening waist, getting closer to 40). And about how all those young things cramming Washington Square and showing off in their shorts and rollerblades must surely be humping the Manhattan night away when you and the wife are still watching

re-runs of the winter sitcoms. These flashes of sexual inadequacy were soothed somewhat he a survey of the sexual last week's New York Magazine. If its statistics are to besurveyed said they never include



David Usborne

sex on a one-night stand either "very often" or "somewhat often". And while only 4 per cent said they had had sex with 100 partners or more, o per cent said they had never had sex of any kind. Suddenly, I begin to feel better. And look at this: When asked when it was that they last intertwined, 22 per cent of these singles had to admit that it was "within the past year" and 21 per cent within the last month". Only 17 per cent could say today or yesterday. Suddenly being married and in New York, whatever the temperature, seems less disappointing.

should go and thank the folks at New York personally. The ageing spire on Madison Avenue that is home to The Independent here was for habits of single Gothamites in years known as the Newsweek Building. Tired of lavatories that leaked water from one level to lieved this town is not nearly as the next and lifts that travel carnal as one might believe more slowly than a midtown The city that never sleeps has bus, Newsweck upped and left turned into the city that never a while back and New York has sleeps around," it concluded. now taken over its multi-floor For example, 53 of the singles lease. Where once there was an understated Newsweek neon in one-night stands. Less than sign and temperature indicator 15 per cent said they would have on the roof, now there is a lurid report my findings.

rendition of the scarlet New York masthead. I have been thinking of confronting New York, however, and presenting my over-whelming case for renaming this "The Independent" building on the grounds that L my kettle and my microwave, have been in residence longer than they. I shall wait a few-days. though, since the magazine is celebrating its 30th birthday this week, and I wouldn't want

to spoil the party.

Tes, the party. It is at Studio 54 on Thursday and I have not been invited. A case of my envelope going astray in the internal mail system, clearly. But then everyone is feeling hyper-sensitive about invitations received and not received right now, hecause this is Fashion Week in New York and, as every self-respecting. and self-absorbed, New York mediaperson knows, much more important than the clothes and the catwalks are the dusk-till-dawn bashes happening all around town. Well, I do have one party invite, and actually I am quite proud of it. It is being thrown by the people at Visionaire, who four times a year put out an album of the latest and sexiest in fashion, art and photography for around \$75 an issue. One doesn't like to

But another on Visionaire's guest list is Leonardo DiCaprio. Which hrings us neatly hack to sex. Is young Leo, star of Titanic and the object of desire of galaxies of girls (and not a few boys) around the globe getting any? And with whom? I shall sharpen my pencil, observe and

drop names. Heaven forbid.

Biko family unforgiving

THE family of the South African black activist Steve Biko said the nation's truth commission should not grant amnesty to five former security officers for their role in his death 20 years ago. Nkosinati Biko said the five had not made a full disclosure to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

- Reuters, Cape Town Lebanon toli

Five Lebanese civilians were killed when a roadside bomb exploded inside Israel's south Lebanon occupation zone, pro-Israeli militia sources said. A sixth Lebanese civilian was severely wounded in the blast near the village of

— Reuters, Marjayoun Feminist dies

BELLA ABZUG, a feminist who fought against the Victnam war and found that a woman's place can be in the House of Representatives. died, aged 77, of complications following heart surgery. -AP. New York

Strike chaos

ONE hundred people were injured in Bangladesh when police clashed with striking factory workers, demanding better pay, blocked railways and highways. - AP, Dhaka

180 drown

AT least 180 Somalis were reported drowned when their boat sank off Yemen; offly eight survived. The vessel was carrying 182 passengers and six crewmen.

--- AP, Geneva

SOMETIMES IT'S EASIER TO TALK TO SOMEONE YOU DON'T LIKE



When you have a problem, it's the most natural thing in the world to want to talk it through with someone.

Sometimes, though, this creates another problem; who's the best person An obvious choice would be a close

discretion. Tell one person, and you may end up telling the world. You may be lucky enough to be able

to talk to someone in your family. Then again, you may be one of the large number of people who find talking to your nearest and dearest agonisingly embarrassine A girlfriend or boylnend? If you can

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Missing in action: our black stars

The demise of minority theatre groups has narrowed the choice of roles for many actors to either hooker or pimp in 'The Bill', says David Benedict

SOMETHING rather radical happened last year. We actually saw two productions of Othello. One of Shakespeare's most theatrically effective plays, it has been unofficially off-limits for years. Why? Because there were no black acnors strong enough or experienced enough to essay the role. Or so the story went.

Trevor Nunn directed an astonishingly powerful, gripping chamber version of the play with opera singer Willard White in 1987 for the RSC (later filmed in studio) but despite the moans of white male critics who lambasted the supposed political correctness of waiting for a black actor to play the role, there was little activity on the Othello front. Then, like waiting for a bus, two suddenly came along at

Ben Thomas's lean, threatening, militaristic performance was the chief reason for seeing Yvonne Brewster's uneven production for the touring black theatre company Talawa, while David Harewood pulled great reviews for Sam Mendes's National theatre version. Time was, actors and di-

rectors saw nothing wrong in "blacking up" to play the moor, as in the case of Laurence Olivier wbose eyerolling performance was captured on film in 1965 (opposite a frankly peculiar Desdemona from Maggie Smith. a woman under the influence of Kenneth Williams).

It must be remembered that this was the time when up to 20 million viewers tuned in to the BBC to watch The Black and White Minstel Show, an all-singing, all-dancing speciacle derived from the offensively entitled American "Coon Shows". The BBC's ratings grabber only finally disappeared in 1978 but even then 5 million people

were still happily watching. Say "black theatre" to a white theatre-goer from the 1970s and chances are they'd reply Ipi-Tombi, which regardless of any chorcograph-

had, was basically a tits 'n' feathers show for the jourists. The first all-black, non-musical production in the West End didn't happen until 1987 with James Baldwin's The Amen Corner which had played Broadway 22 years earlier.

rectly to a black audience.

The only two survivors of the 1970s/1980s explosion of fringe theatre are Talawa and Black Theatre Co-operative, Felix Cross, director of Black Thearre Co-op, alludes to the now defunct national lesbian and gay company Gay Sweatshop. He counterbalances its demise with the massively in-creased visibility of gay work in the so-called mainstream. "The company has died. So, did the movement succeed

"The issue of text-based theatre has not been as central to black culture as music bas been." He argues that or become increasingly ghet-

Black music has had a seis-This isn't opinion it's fact. Jazz influenced everyone from Stravinsky to musicals to

tural appropriation, what then is the aesthetic and ideology ic merit the musical may have behind black theatre? Writers

Why had it taken so long?

Outside of compilation shows like Five Guys Named Moe black theatre may not have made it to the mainstream, but that may be because for many it was never the explicit objective. In the glory days of the fully-funded 1980s there were around 20 black theatre companies including Temba, Umoja, and Theatre of Black Women, all of which are now long gone. Much of their work was never intended to storm the West End. preferring to speak di-

like Biyi Bandele-Thomas and or fail?" he wonders.

black theatre initiatives contique, but they have remained toised in a way that black music quite clearly has not. mic influence on white music.

rhythm and blues to soul. Surrey influenced an entire decade with reggae. Black Theatre hasn't done anything like that. The discussion can't begin to take place on that level. If we haven't made that cul-

August Wilson - neither of whom grew up here - they write with their own identifiable black aesthetic. Most other writers, no matter how good they are, do not." He believes that it is only

when black theatre develops something that white theatre doesn't have that it will have the power and influence to move forward. It's a view oot far from that of Garfield Allen who is a is summed up by its actors, but key player in the Arts Council's Regional Theatre Strategy is still The Bill. CVs of young "One island the size of whereby the West Yorkshire black actors make for highly de-Playbouse, Nottingham Playhouse and Leicester Haymarket have provided opportunities for black theatre artists to develop entire programmes of

Faced with less accessible funding as represented by the absurd reality of the much

vaunted Arts For Everyone scheme (more a case of "Art for the lucky few who got through the funding hoops"), Allen is alive to the economic and political arguments which determine everything. "At the time of rioting in the Eighties, monev was chucked at hlack work. Now you have to look for money from the business sector

and the most unlikely places." The image of black theatre the likeliest place to find them pressing reading. If you're a woman you'll have played hookers: if you're a man, you'll have played pimps.

Integrated casting remains a dream for most actors. There are exceptions. Leading young people's theatre specialists like Theatre Centre and Red Ladder have actively worked on the principle for so long that it is absolutely taken for granted.

Then there are the standouts like Gary Wilmot. Despite being the sole reason to see The Goodbye Girl. his very good reviews never mentioned that he was a black actor in a role created on film by white Richard Dreyfus. But it is still extremely rare to find black actors in . major roles unless the part is racially Identified.

The debate around this is oothing new, so much so that people like Cross have given hi discussing it at conference level. "All these discussions about integrated casting are filled by reasonably liberal-minded people who are already doing it. The day that Adrian Noble turns up to a conference on black theatre will be the day we can really have a debate."

Moor of the same: David Harewood as Othello in Sam Mendes's production at the National Theatre in London last year, and below, a blacked-up Sir Laurence. Olivier in the 1965 film version.

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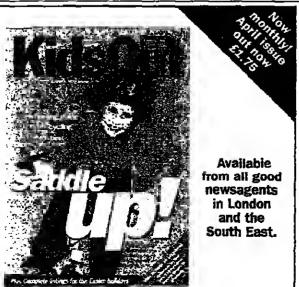
Coming up clean from a writer's dirty laundry

Brian Friel's latest offering is another tragi-comical homage to Chekhov, but Paul Taylor feels the actors deserve higher praise than the script

A SPECIAL circle of hell may tation that the backs of acadwell be reserved for writers who sell their papers - every faltering first draft, every sordid scrap of correspondence, every slip of the pen and rejection slip. - 10 an American university archive. The posthumous torment for this category of the damned will be to wade endlessly through the mountain of false conjecture and interpre-

eme proceed to base upon such a trove. Better to be an enigma that's compellingly ajar than a misread open book.

On the other hand, the temptations to flog off one's literary dirty laundry can be powerful, as we see from the experience of Tom Connolly. the novelist at the heart of Give Me Your Answer, Do!, a new play



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by the great, but latterly belowpar Irish dramatist, Brian Friel. Like Aristocrats and Dancing at Lughnusa, this is one of Friel's tragi-comical homage's to Chekhov - a kind of octet. played under a slowly westering sun, whose separate voices of defeat and disappointment interweave involvingly in Robert Lefevre's superlatively acted production.

The play begins and ends, though, more in the world of Peter Nichols' A Day In The Death of Joe Egg. Visiting his long-institutionalised daughter, Brigitte - a young woman who sways, open-mouthed and beyond communication, on her bed - brilliant Niall Buggy's shabby teddy hear of a Tom rattles off reams of cod father gossip, its ludicrous fancifulness, and the fact that he casts his daughter as the silent stooge in a tenderly gruesome comedy routine, indicative of despairing paternal love.

To secure a better private hospital for this unreachable creature might be one good reason for selling his papers. the monetary value of which escalates when it emerges that he has the manuscripts of two unpublished pornographic novels he wrote in a fury of inspiration just after the adolescent Brigitte was taken

into care. Why then exactly, and why pornography in a career otherwise marked (held back even) by integrity? The play seems to be resistant about the murky background to this more out of periodic forgetfulness than a desire for Chekhovian ubiquity. By contrast, there's far too little left to be deduced between



Waspish: Sorcha Cusack (left) and Gawn Grainger in Give Me Your Answer Dol Photograph: Geraint Lewis

the lines in Friel's dramatisation of the preparing for, and aftermath to, a bibulous lunch party at the dilapidated bill-rid-novelist and wife, a double acr

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Niall Buggy's Tom, a shabby teddy bear, reams off cod father gossip, its ludicrous fancifulness indicative of despairing paternal love

wryly wise wife, Daisy (Geraldire James, excellent, the most glowingly beautiful go-to-seed incipient alcoholic you're ever

den manse Tom shares with his of veiled mutual recrimination that is now Canaries-bound on the proceeds of his manuscript

This is the kind of play where Daisy's mother (Mar-

garet Tyzock) is established as a doctor principally so that strangers can unload their nervous breakdown stories on her. The result still feels improbable, as do ber dreadfully stagy sci-piece speeches about (and at) her semi-retired cocktail pianist husband (John Woodvine) a compulsive petty pilierer. Even Daisy's eventual argument against the sale (that it would rob Tom of the uncertainty necessary for creation) seems a bald and weak piece of reasoning rather than an emotionally nuanced response to their fact. An evening you'd want to recommend though more for the quality of the acting than the play.

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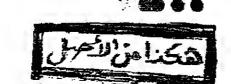


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Black mesh T-shirt, £39.99, black mesh skirt, £29.99, (above) from Morgan catwalk outfit (left), inspired by Alexander McQueen's style Morgan enquiries: 0171-383 2888

Catwalk to high street - just Morganise it

street waits for the international lon). Trousers were boyish, with no catwalk shows to take place and then front pleats, and figure-hugging yet faithfully picks the key trends, waters them down, and serves them to their abstract embroideries, crochet and customer at an affordable price. Not Morgan. Its showed its Autumn/Winter 98 collection on the catwalk alongside the key trendsetters.

What Morgan showed was a good representation of what is currently happening in fashion on street owner and chief creative designer, level (ie: a couple of seasons behind

It is widely assumed that the high wraps, and split pencil skirts (in nyslouchy. Beading, prints, delicate łacework were also in abundance on sexy, figure-hugging dresses and skimpy tops.

The assembled journalists and Morgan executives nodded approvingly and, Jocelyn Bismouth, partwho has designed the collection since

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make it into Morgan's shops. Instead, they will be adapted to appeal to as many women as possible. "We see the show and then we have to think about how it will to work on the Morgan Girl," says Debbie Winstanley, Morgan's huying director for the UK

Winstanley has intimate knowledge of the Morgan Girl: she likes to be in fashion, is aged between 20 and 30 and works because she wants

of the clothes seen on the catwalk will a lot of black, and animal prints (60 her assistant Rachel Hall sat down

gan are black, 30 per cent are animal prints). Colour scares ber. When grey came in last year, she didn't take to it straight away. Similarly with pink, shorter-length trousers and longer-length skirts, which have taken two years to make it from the catwalk to the shops. "Morgan Girl is

ready for grey now," says Winstanley. Last October, Morgan presented the catwalk collection show, featured

per cent of clothes sold from Mor- and decided what Morgan Girl would understand - and reinvented the clothes for popular consumption.

It was decided that the red, blue and black flamenco dress would only sell in nude and black, and that it should have a vest, T-shirt and skirt in the same fahric. The Alexander McQueen-inspired tan suedette top with rough-edged sheer panel also got the nod, but it was decided Morgan Girl would only wear it in black.

by Kate Lloyd

Once adapted to suit customers risks, but Morganising takes no or "Morganised" - each garment chances and it works. The company will sell and sell. High fashion may bave the edge, but bigh street has got the cash and the customers. Morgan for Autumn/Winter as shown on the carwalk. It will be Morganised to be worn in any UK town or city without provoking laughter.

Shelley Hunt, fashion director of Company magazine was disappointed to find that the press samples which could be photographed for the pages of her magazine will not necessarily make it into the shops. "I love their shows," she says, "and want to photograph it all, but it's frustrating when half the stuff won't be available. Hunt wishes they would take a few

has doubled its output year-on-year since launching here in 1992, and there are 38 Morgan stores across the won't be selling the microfibre diradl - UK and Ireland, 500 stores worldwide.

The idea behind launching Morgan in the UE was to bring French style to the British high street. Prices are reasonable: tops under £35. jackets no more than £100 and dresses costing £80 maximum.

So, what's the point of showing on the catwalk? "The shows are our drawing board," says Winstanley. "We take a shape, a colour, an embellishment and convert it. It might make a fah photo in a magazine, hut we have to sell it, we can't let our cus-

WHAT'S HOT

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High-low shoes

WHEN the new big-mouth all-hype-and-no-trousers designer Jeremy Scon sent his models down the catwalk wearing one shoe higher than the other at his Paris Pashion Week show, "Contrapied", last month. little did he know he was about to instigate the Next Big Trend in footwear. The designer's trousers

featuring one leg shorter than the other have already attracted a cuit following. But fashion victims, hungry for the new lop-sided shoe look, are doing it for themselves, while Scott's challenging styles, by Christian Lonboutin, won't hit the shops rext September.

Already, doctors are expressing concern about the potential for spinal injury in young people wearing a 6m platform on one foot and a flat pump on the other. Ambulances in the fashion capitals of the world are said to be on alert for emergency calls from people who have simply fallen ever in their shoes and are unable to stand up agaio. Meanwhile, the waiting

ist for Scott's new high-low shoes is growing...

Liberty reader evening



MARK CLARK, senior sales person, 27, came along to Liberty to learn more about the designers and the collections. Dressed in a hlack Kenzo suit and shoes by Prada, Mark says he is a hig fan of Kenzo suits, "because they are more Interesting than traditional, single-breasted suits".

TRISTAN Webber, Frazer Moss and Jimmy Collins from YMC, and Kenneth MacKenzie from menswear label 6876 joioed readers of The Independent at Liberty last Wednesday night for an evening of fashion, style. shopping and heated discussion about how to find the perfect pair of trousers that, as one reader complained don't make ful practical advice and the

you look like a traffic warden or

a child molester. Stylist Sophia Ncophitou took to the stage to guide readers through some of this spring's designer looks - explaining how the designer puts an outfit logether on the catwalk and how the consumer should wear it. While readers got some use-



REBECCA PALMER, actress, 23, attended the special night at Liberty to feed her passion for clothes, "I like to see the new ideas, so that I can find the right looks in second-hand shops". All her clothes are from second-hand shops in Bristol, and she bought her brown suede boots from a second-hand shop in Manchester.

opportunity to shop after clos- opportunity to meet customers.

ing time, designers also gained an insight into what their potential customers are looking for. Mr Moss upset some of the audience hy claiming his label is for 18 to 35-year-olds. "I design for what I know, and that isn't ageist, there is no class or age divide," he retorted.

belos to tailor the aesthetics to actual people." Mr MacKenzie added: "At the end of the day. it is about real people wearing real clothes. It's good that people are finding ways of problemsolving and mixing designer Mr Webber welcomed the clothes for individual styles."

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IN THIS WEEKEND'S

AMERICAN



Wearable, desirable and, above all, easy: 16 pages featuring the best of all-American style for men and women without having to cross the Atlantic

Office affairs are a fact of life. In the concluding extract from her new book, Judi James sets out the rules of engagement

When a colleague becomes a lover

us meet our future partners through or at work, which makes it a significant venue for budding romance.

There are obvious plus points to meeting your partner at work:

I. You know you will have at least one thing in common, as well as an informed ear to bounce all your troubles off when you get home in the evening;

2. You will probably have had the opportunity to study this person quite closely before starting to date them. Work is a way of test-driving a potential partner (ie getting to know them) before taking the plunge and asking them out. Better still, you'll be seeing them during the day, rather than just propping up a bar with them in the evening. This system obviously has advantages over night-time pick-ups in darkened clubs, holiday romances. (nom riously short-lived), or blind dates arranged by friends.

3. The convenience factor. Work together during the day, popout for a quick drink after work. Bob's your uncle. Highpowered City workers of the Nincties are accustomed to using the office as a complete life-support system. Food is hrought in to them. Drinks are on tap. Everything is in order, from stress-husting massage at the desk to on-site counselling, so why not pick a mate there 100?

Making a pass is a dangerous manoeuvre in the workplace. If your interest is not reciprocated you could he accused of sexual harassment or - at least - end up looking sad and sleazy once the office gossips have done their worst.

ther is asking them out. It's always wise to and cook" or taking them away on a husi-

IT HAS been estimated that up to half of out the following - however hard it is to be coldly rational under the circumstances:

1. Do either of you have attachments - are you or this other person married/living with one another? Do either of you have a steady partner? Does that partner work in the same company?

2. What are your positions in the company pecking order? Are they compatible? 3. Are you in any danger of being accused of favouritism if you start to see each other outside work? Will the charge of confidentiality come up?

4. How highly do you value this person as an employee/ colleague/ friend? Will a relationship compromise that situation?

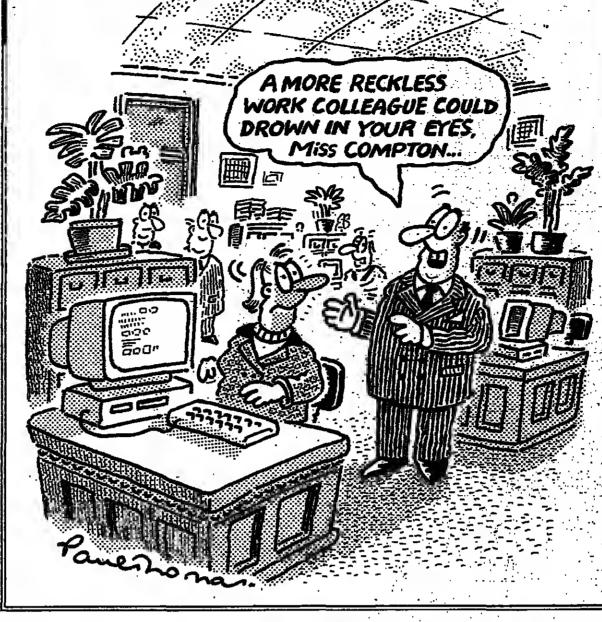
5. What if you see one another and then break up? Will that affect the business relationship?

6. What do you expect the company will think about a romance between you?

Etiquette: Dating a work colleague requires a good amount of old-fashioned social etiquette, not because it will make you any more attractive but because it will make the whole process a lot more comfortable thank you". If you do tell this colleague and a lot less difficult, if and when the whole thing ends.

Subtlety is not the wisest ploy. Working with someone means forging an effective relationship. Hinting that you would like to take things further but never being specific can make the whole relationship uncomfortable, especially if it's a boss/employee situation.

Trying to blur the lines between husiness and pleasure will appear sleazy. This would entail getting someone to work late The Chat-up: Fancying someone you at the office and then taking them out for work with is not a criminal offence and nei- a meal "because it's too late to go home keep in mind, though, that in the workplace ness conference and making sure your you should think and plan before you act. rooms are next door to one another.



Working well with someone means being relaxed with them - and that is impossible if you're not sure whether they're trying to seduce you or not.

When someone operates in this manner, it is difficult to know when to say "no, you're not interested in them as a partner they may claim - unfairly - that that was never their intention in the first place, craftily extricating themselves from the area of conflict, leaving a sour taste all round.

Being positive: Surely the hest move if you fancy a colleague is to ask them out on a good, old-fashioned date. Let them know it's a social thing too, or they may be unsure whether it's a meeting to discuss business. Be light in tone hut clear about your intentions (not all of them. of course). Allow them to see that you want to put the relationship on a social footing, thereby also allowing the courtesy of letting them turn

Prior to making a play for a colleague, work Hedging your bets in this way is mean. down. Take no to mean no and never came tomorrow night? Purely social, no

jole, push or ask for an explanation. Don't skulk, sulk, or become bitter or sarcastic. Plan a semi-jokey line that will immediately alleviate the atmosphere between the two of you and restore normal working relations.

Simple is best, as it avoids too much hlush inducing-habble. So how about "that's okay, no hard feelings", or "wise girl/chap"[whatever), or "no, you're right. I enjoy working with you, so why complicate things?" (put your own tone and inflection onto these). On paper they read hit like Noel Coward out-takes).

And at all costs avoid the following: That's okay, no hard feelings - as I hope you won't have when I tell you your pay rise has just been cancelled." Or: "So Quentin in accounts was right after all, you aren't lesbian/gay".

Be polite, open, bonest, and assertive, not furtive. Don't drop hints or come on Plan your next move if they do turn you "Would you like in come out for a meal with

work to be discussed." If you don't like that, then write your own script, but make sure it's something along those lines.

Breaking-up without tears: If you find this person is not the man/woman of your dreams it would be cruel to keep things going beyond the first date. Now, remember all those nasty little tricks people use to ditch someone will be absolutely no use in the workplace. You cannot stand them up or forget to phone. The phrase "I'll call you" won't apply because you'll see their smiling face next morning in the office, and because of that there must be a rule:

Sex on the first date is OUT! Think Glenn Close in Fatal Attraction. Think anything that will scare you enough to persuade you to wait until you are in a serious and stable relationship. This isn't talking killjoy, this is just being practical. Do what you want on the social scene, but in business do not too heavy. And never be lewd (good, old- be too eager. It is difficult jilting anyone fashioned word) or make a pass. How about you have to work with, but once you have had sex it is a million times tougher and more complicated.

Be discreet: Never welch on a date: Don't tell even your closest workmates what went on. There's no need to keep the whole thing secret, but never, ever spill the beans about what was said and what was done. Be gallant. Never tell anyone you work with what a disaster/rave it was. Don't discuss details of moles, birthmarks or size of body parts, the excuse you present to your date for not seeing them again should be the same you give to everyone else.

Word always gets back. Be charming and never inflict unnecessary suffering. If you are asked out by a co-worker and turn them down, keep that quiet too. Don't boast about your pulling power and don't mock the afflicted.

Sex At work: A Survival Guide by Judi James, published by the Industrial Society, is available in bookshops from 3 April, price £8.99,

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Uncontrollable

There is a strange mental phenomenon that can overpower even the

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ome of the favourite office spots

host hour after hour of sweated slave labour should also be be much ted to induce the odd bout of more hin-filled-perspiration Desktops inspire the ultimate fantasy as business accourrements are knocked to the floor with one fell swoop of a worsted clad arm (difficult with all the PC equipment.

I know—all those leads and plugs.

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and mouse mass), burns are un-primed, speciacles from off plus "all that ice cold laminated chipboard" stretching out beneath you with just the odd unseen papercip or stapler to mar the magic of the mo-

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Or any cupboards come to ther—
and the more cramped the better.

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Fire drills a deax tend to be popular with the happy couple tripping fur dvely up the fire escape to the relative privacy of the roof (flat roofs are safer but the more adventurous will swear by the sloping variety). The added advantage of using the roof is that you can get a sun tan at the same time.

The boss's office: For members of the Dangerous Sports Club only - unless one of the parxicipants happens to be the boss.

For speedy practitioners only - unless you enjoy being interrupted by

The car park: Basement car parks are usually badly lit, which could be an advantage, although stories abound of couples getting stuck

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Modern working environments have, to a certain extent, evolved their own checks and balances to counter workplace passion

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Downsizing: Which means added workloads which equals "too busy to even think about it".

Bad habits:

Unattractive office behaviour like knucklecracking, foot tapping, slurping coffee too loudly. whistling, loud yawning or noisy eating are all common practices in open-plan offices and can. constitute a great turn-off.

stop weeping for a bit?

Going to the pub has become





Deirdre, you're just a soap star. Okay?

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To be fair, Deirdre has always

a trial. And why? Because been a sort of tragic foil to the you're everywhere, Deirdre, sunnier side of life on The Street. Over the years she has suffered And look: you've got me doa broken engagement (Billy ing it now, too. Please can we get Walker), two failed marriages one thing straight before we go (Ray Langton, then Ken Barlow, any further. You Are A Charwho testified against her in octer In A TV Soep Opera, Jam. court), a conscience-stricken i admit, a huge fan, hut unlike extra-manital affair (Mike Baldwin, who is paying her legal costs, almost everyonde else in Fleet St. I have not yet totally relinmuch to Ken's chagrin - Mike, by the way, used to be married to Ken's daughter) and a wid-

For the sake of those Independent readers who have spent owing. Her last, a Moroccan the past 36 years halfway up waiter called Samir Rachid, was Bea Nevis, I will recap. You see, there's this pro-

quished my grip on reality.



Behind bars: The tearful Deirdre and her large specs

to donate his kidney to Tracy, Deirdre's daughter. The op still went ahead and the kidney lives on inside the dreadful Tracy, even though she has disapneared from the show. She has 200e Down South.

be an airline pilot, we devotees apparently beaten to death by all knew no good would come. The myth has even penetrated



In short, nothing ever goes right for Duirdre. So when she fell head over outsize speciacles for Jon Lindsay, who claimed to rucist thugs just as he was about of it. We knew she was going to the intellectual high ground

But we never expected this. The nation's press has apparently mislaid its marbles somewhere up the back end of. Rosamund Street. There have been half-page articles in the Daily Telegraph. A Labour MP.

Fraser Kemp, has been heading up the Sun's Free the Weatherfield One campaign. Even Tony Blair has been dragged in. And 1, for one, am feeling just a little put nut. You see, these backs aren't

really taken in at all. They know it isn't real. Which is just . fine, of course. But the problem is they think it's their joke. If you don't believe me, try asking one of them. "Ah!" they'll cry. "But hundreds of fans have been phoning in offering cash!"

At this point, I am going to make a revelation. Owen Aaronovitch, aka Jon Lindsay, is actually the brother of The Independent's very own David Aaronovitch. And there is a story going around the office that Mrs Aaronovitch senint has been genuinely upset by her ac-The Street. See what I mean?

get let down, if not sent down. on the 18th floor of the Canary Wharf tower.

So I rang David to check. "Oh, yes," he said: "It's all been tremendons fun. The whole family has been ringing up, saying Did you see what he did last night?"." Yes, but did any of them actually believe it? Of course not. They aren't daft. these Aaronovitches.

And nor are the rest of us. Not even the tabloid reporters who have heen ringing up asking whether Owen has fled the country pursued by irate Deirdre supporters.

The thing is, those of us who never answer the phone between 7.30pm and 8pm nn Mondays. Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays already know it's not real. All those people who rang Granadaswitchboard probably just thought it would be a bit of a hoot. But it's our joke, not theirs. When Street fans sit around for hours talking about " what Samantha did to Des with ... Chris and what Chris did to Kevin with Sally we are doing it ironically. And if anyone wants tor son's appalling behaviour on to make out we've lost our grip on reality or don't have a sense. of humour they can come round here and say that. Okay?

Betsey Whitney

BETSEY WHITNEY was tain the visiting British King and husband had bought it in 1929 among the last of a uniquely Queen at a picuic at Roo- for \$165,000. American breed of grandes dames, society wives who were New York, in the summer of more than mere socialites, de1939 - the day when, legend has first place - ceased altogether riving position and prestige from the marriages they made, but later achieving a status and influence of their own. Twice Roosevelt, however, collapsed philanthropy. She withdrew to married, into two of the most famous families in the land, Betsey Whitney was in this sense doubly blessed.

Her life evokes that vanished American establishment of earlier this century, built on great fortunes and old Anglo blood, European by taste and Atlanticist in politics. Born Betsey Cushing to a prominent surgeon in Baltimore, she was the secood of three sisters celebrated . Tribune. for their beauty, and for the determination of their mother, Katherine, that they would find sey's happiest. The Jock Whithusbands from the top drawer of society, either in Europe or people with a quarter of a bil-America. Each of them did, but

sevelt, the eldest son of the then Governor of New York, Frank- of huying a house close to Aslin Rooseveli. Any doubts Katherine might have har- her one of the wealthiest boured about the quality of the match was hanished two years later when FDR won the White House. Betsey, the President would say, was his favourite Renoir's Au Moulin de la daughter-in-law, and she served frequently as hostess when Eleanor Roosevelt was away. In then the second highest price this capacity she helped enter- ever paid for a painting. Her hosset, New York 25 March 1998.

sevelt's estate at Hyde Park, hot dog.

The marriage with James sportsman, art collector and Wind, later to become Eisenhower's Ambassador to the Court of St James and publisher of the New York Herald Tribune and the International Herald

The years in Loodoo from

1957 to 1961 were among Betnevs are as down to earth as any. lion dollars can be," a friend none more emphatically than once said. They became friends of the Queen and Prince Philip. After a brief courtship, she Her husband swiftly transferred married in 1930 James Roo- his involvement with racing across the Atlantic, to the point cot. Jock's death in 1982 made women in America in her own right, heiress to a fortune reckoned in 1990 at \$700m, and including such works of art as Galette, which was sold at auction the same year for \$78.1m.

Gradually her public appearances - never frequent in the it, George VI sampled his first and Betsey, by now ranked among the 25 richest women in the world, devoted herself to in 1940. Within two years Bet- the splendours of the 438 acre sey had become attached to Whitney estate at Greentree, on Jock Whitney, scion of one of Long Island's Gold Coast, where America's oldest and richest she was tended by 20 servants families, already a financier, and surrounded by Jock's magnificent art collection. A year afco-producer of Gone with the ter his death, she founded the Greentree Foundation to help local community groups.

Later she would endow large sums to leading North-Eastern medical schools. But her most lasting legacy hangs on the walls of American museums: the Utrillos and Picassos she gave to the Museum of Modern Art in New York, and her gift in the National Gallery in Washington of Toulouse-Lautrec's Marcelle Lender Dancing the Bolero in "Chilperic", reputedly the finest Lautree then in private hands. Betsey Whitney died at the North Shore University hospital on Long Island, built on land donated by her husband in the

Rupert Cornwell

Betsey Mana Cushing, philanthrobist: born Baltimore, Maryland 18 May 1908; married 1930 James Roosevelt (two daughters; marriage dissolved 1940), 1942 John Hay Whitney (died 1982); died Man-



Whitney at Wingfield House, the American ambassador's London residence, in 1958

Ian Fleming-Williams

would caregorise himself. He no longer painted; he'd stopped teaching; was he a scholar, an art historian, a writer? No. he Constable and as co-curator of among the focal points of my life. two Constable exhibitions at the Tate (in 1976 and 1991) the sense remained that, beyond any specific role he was pursuing some disinterested, and less easily definable, quest.

His pareots were Freda, a music teacher, and Clift, an artist/joventor (a pioneer of flying and, later, of caravanhuilding). After a "progressive" education at Frensham Heights where he would one day become a governor) he enrolled at 16 as a painting student at the Royal Academy. There he formed lasting friendships with contemporaries such as Mervyn won several prizes, but at the end of four years he telt he had nothing to say as a painter.

he was soon glad to be earning work from his father's (the re-10 shillings a week as a commercial artist. In 1937 he turned to teaching, becoming art master at Canford School, in Dor- respondence, but his special set, under the direction of William Coldstream, whose facrual, "objective" and essentially anti-aesthetic doctrine had a profound effect on his subsequent thinking. Conscripted in 1940, he served in the Navy all over the globe, ending up as a licutenant-commander, Before returning to Canford, he sat in time 10 music. He had played on lectures at the Courtauld Institute - the nearest he came 10 any formal art-historical training.

In 1947 he was appointed art the next 23 years. He supervised the building of a separate studio block; recruited some gifted lectures: his rare flashes of temper had earned him the nickname "Flaming Onions". but mostly he radiated calm, a

ture and ceramics, literature and music; and at home, with his wife. Ba. and his daughters, surrounded by an eclectic collection including a Manzu head and an Assyrian relief, he offered a glimpse of civilisation



Fleming-Williams: calm

master at Charterhouse, in Sur- Janet Richards, he attended rey, where he would remain for several "Schubertiads". young assistants (including, in stable enthusiast David Thom-1954-56, Howard Hodgkin); but son, whose collection became the above all he created, within a subject of his best book, Conconventional public school, an al- stable and his Drawings (1990). ternative realm where outcasts Fleming-Williams was a scrupuof all kinds could find refuge. lous writer, but not a dry one; he He was a wonderful teacher, tried to reconstruct the milieu both in informal tutorials and in and circumstances in which each his memorable epidaiascope drawing was made, and aimed. benign white-overalled figure, exhibition devoted to the drawavailable but never oppressive. ings took place at the Dulwich

His range of interests in- Picture Gallery in 1994, touring cluded calligraphy, architec- to New York and Toronto.



ABOUT 25 years ago, I asked which to me as a 15-year-old (as lan Fleming-Williams how he to so many other pupils) proved decisive. It was from Fleming-Williams that I first heard of Sienese painting; in his house that I first saw a Bonnard (a Resaid, none of those fitted exactly: rue Blanche lithograph j; it was he thought he was, perhaps, an the who first put into my hands "understander". And although a novel by John Cowper Powys: he subsequently achieved an ex- and it was he who first asked me. traordinary late flowering as au- at 17, to deliver a full-scale lecthor of several books on John ture (on Goya). These are still

> Ever since childhood he had loved Welsh Wales, and in 1955 he and his wife bought a house near Devil's Bridge, where the family spent many holidays. He became interested in the Welsh drawings of the 18th-century Oxford drawing master J.B. Malchair, a neglected but influential figure. He consulted the art historian Paul Oppe: English landscape art became more and more important to him.

In 1970, aged 50, he took early retirement, and moved to Clapham, south-west London. He began to work closely with the Tate Gallery's resident Con-Peake and William Scott, and he stable scholar, Leslie Parris; it was while preparing the 1976 retrospective that they got on the track of Lionel Constable. Jobs were scarce in 1934, and and began to disentangle his sults were published in The Discovery of Constable, 1984 t. He also edited Constable's corsubject became the artist's drawings. His work was cruelly curtailed when, following a move to Batheaston, outside Bath, Ba suffered a terrible stroke. He nursed her devotedly for the next four years.

When his life opened up again in the 1980s, he gave more the viola since childhood, and was an early member of the Heinrich Schutz Society; now. together with his close friend

In these years his writing deepened, stimulated by a close friendship with the young Con- I think, for a kind of hard-won lyricism. As Thomson's collection grew, partly under Fleming-Williams's guidance, an

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After the success of the Tare's second Constable show, Fleming-Williams was appointed OBE in 1992. But his detailed factual approach was in conflict with that of younger landscape historians with their emphasis on the clash of ideas. and he suffered at least one bruising confrontation.

Visitors to the Tate can see currently on show the magnificent Malchair drawing of Welsh mountains Ian Fleming-Williams recently donated.

Timothy Hyman

Ian Robert Fleming-Williams, Constable scholar and teacher: born Heybridge, Essex 14 January 1914: OBE 1992; married 1942 Barbara Gibb (died 1981; one son, two daughters): died Newbridge on Wye. Powys & March 1998.

Catherine Sauvage

"SHE bites her public" was intelligence, reassuring yet from Georges Brassens, "Il n'y the things she siogs - I could became her companion until his musical satire Frank Cinq George Brassens' early tribute untamed - Brassens also com- a pas d'amour heureux" ("There never perform that kind of to the mordant talent of a great pared her to a prowling panther, is no happy love ... ") with a suchanson singer, Catherine or to a waif in black, with short-Sauvage. She preferred to be cropped hair, whose pleading her: "Your voice is the voice of known not as a chanteuse (with hands begged for the coins of its overtones of British music- 'our comprehension, gladly givhall comic parlance "shan- en "True anger, just rage have toose") but as an interprêté which for her meant much fighting songs - how could more than mere "interpreter". Catherine Sauvage have won

This was a professional title she well deserved, for she did unleashed anger?" wrote not just sing the words of her Marguerite Duras after first lyrics, she injected them with a hearing her sing in Saintspecial personal force and Germain-des-Pres. emotional reference that made true chanson (that is always a even the most familiar refrains resound with a new magic. She learnt this interpretative technique from American masters of the art like Anita O'Day, Mel Torme and Ella Fitzgerald. Her only real rival in post-war Paris was the sublime Juliette Gréco. Sauvage respected words -

and what words! She did not choose just any old lyric. She used the best songs of real poets - Louis Aragon, Bertolt Brecht, Jacques Prévert, Lorca. Laforgue, Robert Desnos, Audiberti and Serge Gainsbourg. whom she discovered. Nor did she neglect those of the past -Villon, Jarry, Hugo; Baudelaire, Nerval. She possessed impeccable literary taste. It was a refreshment to the soul sick of monotonous repetitious pop and rap to hear her singing her heart out with those great masters of the singing word.

Her unique range of voice could also thrill with a sudden harsh, metallic, scornful intonation or with a velvety gravity that signalled her fine

always been expressed best in this profound knowledge of

bathed there in a halo of private This revolutionary of the cry of protest against imbecile life) came of a respectable and cultivated family in Nancy who during the occupation moved south to Annecy. Here Sauvage acted and sang in her lycée's theatrical productions.

It was a terrible, tragic, pitiless time, during which many of her friends and teachers were arrested, tortured and murdered by the Nazis. At the Liberation, those who eventually managed to return from the concentration camps left indelible impressions npon Sauvage, the roots of her future protests.

It was in Lausaone that she cut her first tracks, before setting out with them to Paris and the night-clubs of Saint-Germain-des-Prés. Her startlingly aggressive repertoire at that period of wild hedonism at once set her apart with revolutionary songs like Aragoo's "Han Coolie". Her love songs were always so sad, and her luminous brown eyes would fill with the pain of unshed tears as

perb text by Aragon, who told your eyes."

Edith Piaf kept a wary eye on her as a rising rival, and attempted to advise her to adopt another, less threatening tack, but Sauvage rejected her advances, declaring: "She helps men, not women - with whom it is another story . . . And then

with my kind of song." In fact, Sauvage's intelligence and wide culture made her prefer the company of painters, writers and actors. one of whom, Pierre Brasseur,

blood if you asked me to . . . ?

she sang the one song she took Sauvage: 'There is no happy love' Photograph : Hulton Getty

death in 1972. lyric, all about dyeing my hair

However, it was another singer, also an "interpreter" of And: "Piaf is a singer of her own songs, the great Léo Ferré. kind of reality in three verseswho was to have the most de-I meet him, I love him, he cisive influence on Sauvage's leaves me. Nothing at all to do career. She worked with him in cabaret and took on several of minious flop. We had no equal his best militant anarchising to Catherine Sauvage. songs, making a fine punchy hit in 1953 with his "Paris Canaille" ("Scum of Paris"), a violent and funny song Ferré could not do full justice to himself.

Sauvage not only gave fierce, vibrant conviction to Ferré's songs like "Yen a marre" ("Fed Up to the Back feeth"). She temps in 1970, In 1974, she also supported his anarchist stance. She would later remark, when Ferré died: "When they all started raving about Dylan, Joan Baez and 'the protest song' we had to laugh . . . "

She always remained far to the left, and defiantly noncooperative with official sources. She was hanned by French radio and television for having signed the Manifesto of 121 io tellectuals against war in Algeria. She performed Boris Vian's adaptation of Brecht's Nana's Lied and other Brecht-Weil classics.

In 1968, during the summer of studeot rehellions, she sup- a double CD. Catherine Saurage ported their struggles singing for them at the Bobino. Her interpretations of The Threepenny Opera songs were deliciously. diabolically wicked. Her devotion to Brecht led her to act in his Caucasian Chalk Circle (1966-67) and Mother Courage

Another progressive playwright she admired, Friedrich Dürrenmatt, east her in his James Kirkup

French chanson.

(Frank the Fifth), I saw this

performance, and some years

later was asked by Dürrenmatt

to translate the play into Eng-

lish. It had only one production

in Britain, at the Sherman

Theatre in Cardiff - an igno-

She was taken up again by

the ORTF in their radio "trial

club" emissions in which she

sang many of her own musical

settings of contemporary and

classical poetry. She was the first

singer to record Leo Ferré's last

heart-breaking success, "Avec le

made Chants et poèmes de la Ré-

sistance with Sylvia Monfort

and Marcel Mouloudji. But she

gradually retired from the pub-

lic scene, her intelligence and

beauty swept away by wave af-

ter wave of senseless musical

junk and what the French still

call "le véve" - fake Beatling.

ry Cowl, Jacques Loussier and

the great Michel Legrand, she

made records that won the Prix

du Disque io 1954, 1958 and

With accompanists like Dar-

Jeannine Saunier (Catherine Sauvage), singer and actress: bom Nancy, France 29 March 1929; died Bry-sur-Mame, France 20 March 1998

BIRTHS, **MARRIAGES** & DEATHS

BIRTHS

ENGEL: To Fiona (nee Cooper) and David, on 28 March, a son, Hugo Ben-jamin, a brother for lona.

DEATHS

ABERDOUR: On 29 March 1998, suddenly, Jean Rosemary, Wife of Kenneth Robert and mother of Rose. hemein Robert and mary and Robert Private Cremation.
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Changing of the Guard

LAW REPORT: 1 APRIL 1998

Doctor owed no duty of care to job applicant

Kapfunde v Abbey National plc anaemia and chest infection". and another: Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Kennedy, Lord Justice Miliett and Lord Justice Hutchison) 26 March 1998

A DOCTOR retained by an employer as an occupational health adviser was not liable in negligence to a job applicant who was refused employment as a result of advice, based on her medical history, giveo to the employer by the doctor.

The Court of Appeal dismissed the appellant's appeal against a decision dismissing her claim for damages against Abbey National plc and Dr Daniel.

The appellant had applied to Abbey National for a post as a cashier. She was asked to complete the company's standard confidential medical questionnaire, in which she stated she had been absent from work for just over a month in the previous year with "sickle cell

She also ticked a box to indicate she had at some time suffered from asthma/bronchitis. in negligence.

The main symptoms of sickle cell anaemia, which is most common in people of African or West Indian descent, are enisodes of anaemia, pain or infection, called crises. According to a guide for general practitioners and other health professionals:

Some people get crises quite often, others may only have them once every several years. In between crises the person is usually quite well.

The completed questionnaire was referred to Dr Daniel, a general practitioner who worked part time as occupational health adviser to Abbey National. In Dr Daniel's opinion the appellant's medical history indicated that she was likely to have a higher than average absence level, and was thus not suitable for employment. Abbey National refused

Abbey National and Dr Daniel

Timothy Raggan QC and Richard Wilson (Makand & Co) for the appellant; John Jarvis QC and Anne Wakefield (Abbey National Legal Services) for Abbey National: Robert Seabrook QC and Akhlaq Clandlam Le Brasseur J. Tickle) for Dr Daniel.

Lord Justice Kennedy said that the case for the appellant was that Dr Daniel was a servant of Abbey National; that when the questionnaire had been referred to her she had. in the circumstances, owed the appellant a duty of care; that she had heed in breach of that duty: and that Abbey National was vicariously liable for her negligence, so that both repondents were answerable to the appellant.

The judge had found that Abbey National was not vicar-

to employ the appellant, who tions. He had clearly directed to cover the facts of that case. claimed damages against himself correctly as to the law, and there was no reason to interfere with his conclusion. The kernel of the dispute in

relation to the existence of a duty of care owed by Dr Daniel to the appellant concerned proximity, assumption of responsibility and the allegation that it was fair and reasonable for such a duty to be imposed. A decision which at first sight seemed to be of great assistance to the appellant was White r Jones [1995] 2 AC 207 in which a solicitor had been held to be liable to proposed beneficiaries after neglecting to comply with instructions to make a new will including legacies to them.

However, Lord Browne-Wilkinson had made it clear in X v Bedfordshire County Council [1995] AC 633 that the incremental increase in the categories of negligence made by the decision in White v Jones iousiv liable for Dr Daniel's ac- was a small one, only sufficient

In X v Bedfordshire County Council, social workers and psychiatrists who had been retained by a local authority to interview and examine children in cases of suspected child ahuse had been held not to have assumed any general professional duty of care to the children, since they had been retained to advise the local authority, not to the children. The position of Dr Daniel was plainly comparable.

In Baker v Kaye (1997) IRLR 219 a claim for damages against a doctor who had made a pre-employment assessment of a plaintiff was dismissed on the ground that although the doctor had owed the plaintiff a duty of care, there had been no breach of that duty. Whilst that conclusion was right, it should also have been based on a finding that there was no duty

of care. Kate O'Hanlon, Barrister

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Role for Blair in the Middle East

THE Americans are ready to give up their role as mediators in the Middle East. Even to those songuine about the prospects for a settlement the statement from the American Secretary of State, Madeleine Albright, is arresting:"The peace process is in trouble. We cannot continue in this way. We are not interested in a phoney process. One option is simply for us to remove ourselves from the process altogether."

Well, the United States may try to remove itself from the peace process but abdicating its wider role and responsibilities in the Middle East is not an option. The dilemmas of American policy will persist whether they are hosting talks or not. The Americans need to ask themselves some tough questions. Not the least of these is why the peace process became "phoney"?

At the heart of matters is the accord signed by Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli prime minister assassinated in 1995, which would have effectively given control of the West Bank to the Palestinians. The present Israeli leader, Benjamin Netanyahu, has long been determined to prevent the development of a de facto Palestinian state by limiting their control to urban enclaves. For as long as this has been the case the talks have been "phoney".

So it has a lot to do with the government of Benjamin Netanyahu (which, by the way, we do not feel reflects the range of opinion and enthusiasm for peace in Israel). And Mr Netanyahu can be very, very, stubborn. But the United States need not have been, and need not be now, hopeless in the face of his defiance. There is a simple calculus always implicit in Israeli politics. When push comes to shove, the Israelis fear conflict with the United States more than they have an interest in settling the West Bank and resisting Palestinian independence. True, you would not think that from the steely rhetoric that pours out of Tel Aviv and the militancy of some elements of Israeli society. Yet it lies in every calculation every Israeli gov-

The US could still use this, It could step up the diplomatic pressure. It could make explicit where America disagrees with Israel. It could add some strings to the vast aid budget that it grants to Israel, or threaten some of the "sweetheart" military deals these two old allies strike. These were the kinds of sticks that the Bush administration used to some effect in starting the peace process that is now beginning to collapse.

But a President weakened by "zippergate" and a Congress facing midterm elections are not inclined to such dramatic initiatives. In any case there is little in President Clinton's record in this part of the world that suggests a strong political will. Even the need to carry the Arab world in re-creating the alliance against Saddam did not stir the administration. Quite the opposite, in fact. The United States' insistence on Iraq fulfilling a UN Resolution whilst seeming to ignore Israel's failures in this regard alienated Arab sentiment and made the US even more dependent on its traditional friends in Israel.

If America does depart the talks it will leave a vacuum. Next month Tony Blair will visit Israel, He could take this opportunity to suggest a European initiative. It might be worth trying, if only because someone has to act as mediator and there is a very limited range of candidates. In many ways the Europeans are more suited to the task, free of some of the domestic political baggage that the Americans carry. Of course, the reception that Robin Cook received on his recent visit to an Israeli settlement on in East Jerusalem doesn't augur well for a European Union role. But the Foreign Secretary set some important foundations for a realistic policy, not least by sending a clear message of principle to the Israeli goveriment. As he said of the settlements question: "We could ignore it no for 'green' power". 23 March). We ing to recover this cost from the longer if the process was to be not back on track." Mr Cook's blunt realism may be the only way of rescuing the "phoney talks" from their ahandonment by the Americans. Tony Blair will, no doubt, apply his customary energy to the project of re-starting the peace process, possibly with European patronage. But without some determined American pressure it will be hard to get the Israelis to accept it.

A great health project - despite the spin

UNLIKE some of his ministerial colleagues, the Health Secretary Frank Dobson seems to be quietly getting on with the job. In his case there is no point pretending money is not a problem. Only a silly spin doctor would try to argue that the quality of health care is not closely tied to the NHS's annual financial allocation, and that is currently not enough | often in the teeth of local opposition. to keep up with population changes, let alone new medicine and medical technology. However there are things that can be done even within tight totals. One is defining "health" more widely, identifying the many ways in which bodily well-being is conditioned by environment and income. The creation yesterday of experimental zones where "health" is planned and provided on a much broader scale has to be a stride in the

Why? Because if you plot mortality, illness and disability the map tends to book the same as if you had coloured it for educational under-achievement, unemployment and the other indices of social exclusion. No wonder then that the first health action zones are in places such as Hackney. Bradford and Salford. There is no point in being naive about their potential. To work they will demand superhuman co-operation between institutions and specialists. Housing officers will have to talk to GPs, voluntary groups to social services departments, health visitors to police officers. Even then, | mistake by selling defective products they will only work if these poorer areas are better treated in the annual hand-outs of revenue support grants, community awards and health allocations. But it is a great and worthwhile project - and worth a million spin-



Battle for green power

THE Government is committed to launching a new and strong drive to develop renewable energy sources in the UK. There are few greater enthusiasts for renewable energy than I. That is why, on taking office, I initiated a major review of UK policy. That review will determine what is necessary and practicable to achieve 10 per cent of UK electricity supplies from renewable sources by 2010: a four to five-fold increase on current levels.

The Government wants to see that new and strong drive extended to the whole of Europe. That is why we have welcomed the Commission's White Paper, not opposed it as you claim ["Britain fights shy of EU plans pport the call for action to promote renewables within the community and we support the adoption of a strategie approach across Europe.

We look forward to a coostructive debate with our European partners on how to achieve a substantial increase in renewable energy use.

Clearly, the Commission's plans need to be further developed and I believe that it is a vital step for each member state to develop its own practical, workable plans for achieving the significant increase in renewable energy use which is needed. This is just what we are already doing in the UK.

Under the UK Presidency, I am working towards a Council Resolution which sets just such a course for the whole of Europe. I am not fighting shy of green power. I am fighting for it,

JOHN BATTLE Minister for Science, Energy and Industry Department of Trade and Industry

Who pays the Bug bill?

WE are ever being told that capitalism works, with firms competing in a free market with a minimum of government intervention. They certainly should not expect public funds to bail them out when they make a or by buying components which do not perform satisfactorily.

Am I alone then in being dismayed by what Tony Blair says

LETTERS

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(Comment. 30 March) about the Millennium Bug? Few things in life have been predictable for so long and with such a high degree of confidence as the following of year 1999 by year 2000. The Bug is the result of a serious mistake by parts of the computer industry, yet the Government is proposing to spend our money to help solve industry's problems.

If the Bug will cost central government £400m, why is it not seekliers of computer software and hardware responsible? Many fortunes for directors and shareholders have been made from the successes of the computer industry: it must surely be responsible for its liabilities.

DAVID PACKHAM School of Materials Science University of Bath

MANY "cowboys" from all kinds of husinesses - even government departments - will find the Millennium Bug the perfect vehicle for excuses for why something could not be achieved on time or why an increase in charges is unavoidable.

it will be up to us to recognise genuine trickery and know who to complain to. Perhaps we could address all disputed cases to an official Millennium Ombudsman? MICHAEL D MITCHELL Flackwell Heath, Buckinghamshire

Promoting adoption

LIV O'Hanlon (letter, 26 March) challenges BAAF to come up with proposals to improve the future for children in care. BAAF has taken action to promote adoption as a unique opportunity for family life for children in the care system who cannot return to their original families. This action includes:

· Campaigning vigorously for the introduction of comprehensive new adoption legislation, currently shelved by the Government, which would place the child's welfare as the para-

mount consideration in court deci- genes within or of pesticides without sions on freeing children for adoption. al Adoption Week in October 1997, which generated 267 press articles urging more prospective adopters to come forward for the older children now needing new families.

 Publishing and promoting widely our Glasgow Be My Parent newspaper profiling children for whom local authorities have AS Rose Prince rightly points out (reed and about their adoptive families, including information about how long children wait for new families.

In May, BAAF is holding a na-From Care to Adoption: confronting the reality facing the future". Important new research will be presented which will challenge existing practice and offer possible solutions to assist local authorities in providing consistently high quality adoption services. FELICITY COLLIER

Director, British Agencies for Adoption and Fostering (BAAF) London SE1

We need natural food

GOVERNMENT advisers show unusual common sense in beginning to recognise the harm to the environment inherent in geneucally engineered crops (report, 25 March).

The shelf-life of a pesticide is around 10 years: that's how long it takes for resistance to develop in the pests it is supposed to kill. In 10 years' time, we will be witnessing a doubling of genetic engineering in our food crops to cope with the novel environment whose "super-pests" we have created. We will, at the same time, be seeing a doubling of the chemicals used to keep pests at bay, and a concomitant doubling of their ill-effects on us and our surroundings.

The modern obsession with using chemicals - be they in the form of

- to impose human will on nature can Organising the first ever Nation only lead to a spiralliog destruction of our environment. Some would call this suicide.

GEORGE STIDOLPH Chairman, Scottish Consumers Association for Natural Food

been unable to find new families. port, 25 March), fruit and vegetables background of children now adopt- toxic residue, resulting from the pesticides used to grow them, and organic produce is undoubtedly better for our health and the environment.

However, in making a comparison tional conference for adoption man- with this area of concern and the agers and policy makers entitled health risks associated with eating meat, she misses a central point. A diet high in fresh fruit and vegetables has enormous health benefits, reducing the incidence of a whole range of diseases. This is true regardless of whether or not the meat or vegetables are organic.

ANDREW BUTLER UK Representative, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals London SW15

ITC regulations

YOUR article "Murdoch admission leaves Blair in the lurch" (28 March), and Rob Brown in his media column (30 March), were incorrect to state that BSkyB is exempt from Independent Television Commission

BSkyB has been licensed by the ITC since January 1991 and is subject to the same codes as the terrestrial commercial broadcasters. Although BSkyB uses the Luxembourg-based Astra satellite, the Broadcasting Act 1990 requires that every satellite operator established in the UK must be licensed by the ITC. PAULSMEE

Director of Regions and Public Affairs, ITC.

Home for historic library

HISTORIC libraries continually face the problem of remaining alive while retaining past glories (letter, 24 March). The inspired placing of the books of the King's Library in a glass tower at the heart of the spacious public areas of the new British Library, will very soon allow it to be fully appreciated at least as well as in its "original" home.

In the splendours of the King's Library room at Bloomsbury, the exhibitions and museum surroundings made it almost a matter of background; now it is seen as fully part of the British Library, and gives new character to that library. There are regrets at the separation of the col- Collating new statistics about the do sometimes contain high levels of lection from the rooms built to house them; but this is essentially a ouestion of architecture. PETER HOARE

Chairman, Historic Libraries Forum

Poplar planning

THE picture painted by Chris Blackhurst's article about the housing development at Kingston (25 March) is of an idyllic row of poplars in the middle of a local park. In fact, the poplars were planted to conceal the large and unsightly power station from the town and park.

The developer, with the agreement of the local council, has agreed to replant trees elsewhere in the scheme and the trees, by the council's admission; only had a lifespan of another 20 years. These actions were agreed by the local authority as part of the planning process. The local public had every opportunity to raise objections at the time when planning permission was being sought.

If we are not to build on the greenbelt in the future, then the development of brownfield sites such as these will need the co-operation of the local community. JAMES PELLATT

ARE the poplars lining the Thames being felled so that the new owners can plant Leylandii instead? MARY A LANGRIDGE (A sufferer)

Things that go crash in the night of 31 December 1999

London SW7



TODAY I'm going to devote the whole of the politicians have only just noticed. this space to your questions about the Millennium Bug and that means turning the column over to our resident expert. Dr Erasmus Pinkerton, Professor of Applied Guesswork at Milton Keynes University. All yours, Doc!

Do you know why lony Blair has suddenly become so excited about the Millennium.

Dr Pinkerton writes: Yes, Because he is suffering from the Millennium Bug Bug. What is the Millerminm Bug Bug"

Dr Pinkerton writes: It is the state of excitement contracted by those who have just discovered that there will be a computer crisis at the end of the century. But surely we've known about this for years

Dr Pinkerton writes: Oh yes, we have. But have everything

And what are the politicians going to do about it?

Dr Pinkerton writes: They are going to do what they always do. They are going to throw a lot of money at it and say that the situation is well in hand.

As far as I can make out, the Millennium Bug refers to the inability of computers to recognise that the next year after 1999 is 2000, They think it is going to be 1900. How will this affect as?

Dr Pinkerton writes: Quite nicely, really, If 1900 does come after 1999, we will go back to the long hot summers of the Edwardian era, dresses will get much longer, the ukulele will come back into fashion, people will go out boating on the Thames and cannabis will be legal again. Women will lose the vote. I'm afraid, but you can't

I see... but if we don't want to go back to 1900, what can we do? Dr Pinkerton writes: Well, you can insure against it...

Will insurance companies really take the risk of insuring against the Millennium Bug? Dr Pinkerton writes: Sure. For one thing. any policy guarding against the Millennium Bug will not be payable until the year 2000. If the Millennium Bug does strike everyone down, the insurance companies will merely say, "Well, it's only AD1900 we would be very glad to shell out, but we don't have to pay you for another 100 years

Not even an insurance company would have that cheek...

Dr Pinkerton writes: Do you want to bet? And of course, if they do have to pay out, they will plead inability due to all their computers having crashed.

So you really think it's all going to happen as predicted?

Dr Pinkerton writes: Well, yes, but not quite as predicted. What nobody has quite realised yet is that Millennium Night threatens to be the most active in the history of the world. Non-stop parties, jetting around, travelling to exotic places all the things that need air traffic control, ticketing, electricity, TV channels going full blast - in fact all the things that are going to go crash on the night of 31 December 1999.

So you foresee a complete collapse of the sysem, with everyone stranded away from home in a foreign hotel?

Dr Pinkerton writes: No. as a matter of fact. I don't. I foresee quite the opposite. I foresee a new Millennium Panic, a sort of fear of the end of the world, in which all but the hravest will cancel their travel to your Microwave Cooker".

plans to go to New Zealand or wherever, for fear of being trapped there for the rest of their lives and will stay within walking distance of where they live.

So the Millennium Bug will cause a Millennium Panic which will cause a Millennium Stay at Home Stampede. Dr Pinkerton writes: That's it. Sell airline

shares - huy takeaway pizza shares! But won't all the microwaves in our homes also collapse with the Millennium Bug? Dr Pinkerton writes: 1 am no expert on microwave cookers but I find it hard to believe that they have the year and century coded into their circuits, so they will

Do you want to avoid the Millennium Bug? Send now for Dr Erasmus Pinkerton's bookles "How to Transfer your Database on

avoid the Millennium Bug.



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ON THE RISE AND RISE OF STERLING

WE SLUNK unto our corners and licked our wounds when sterling was heaved out of the ERM, so why aren't we crowing now that the pound is soaring back np above its old ERM level? Why are we not crowing about the even more remarkable fact that the British stock market is now worth more than the Japanese?

The obvious reply to the first question is that for some parts of the economy - manufacturing exporters in particular - the strong pound is making life very tough. But this undoubted pressure has not stopped a. German company paying over the odds for a well-known British motor manufacturer called Rolls-Royce. It has not stopped. shares on the London market from bouncit has not stopped the investors who contimue to pile into our currency - helping push the overall value of London above Tokyo_

haven, a calm solid asset in an uncertain world, may seem a bit odd to those of us who recall the days when the pound was worth \$2.80. But the current status does raise some profound questions - like "why?", "how long will it stay up?" and "does it really matter?"

For the answer to the "why?", I spoke yesterday with a wise New York banker, who seems to spends his life going round the globe telling the world's rich where to pot their money, and who happened to be passing through London. The gist of his reply

ed to diversify their risks. European cur- pound was so low that, even with the inef-Euro certainty damped enthusiasm, but in profits, he replied. any case Europe was seen as an equity play, This need to maintain discipline over not a currency one. Everyone expected there costs is the greatest benefit that a strong curtu be a wave of mergers and take overs as rency provides. Gordon Brown pointed out companies reorganised themselves in prepa- in his budget speech the need to lift UK proration for EMU. In two years the eupho-ductivity to the levels of the best in the world. downsizings followed, but for now you bought European shares. On the other hand if you wanted to park money somewhere you did that in sterling because that was where there was a decent yield.

This may not seem a very flattering reason for investing in sterling, but I don't think. many of us expected foreign money to come in because of the delights of Cool Britannia. The fact that we have a competent goverument and a vigorous private sector is. taken pretty much for granted, which in itself is a remarkable change from 20 years change rates. There's not much the Chanago. But the undoubted appeal of sterling is largely the result of relatively high short- down for now, and anyway it's a consequence term interest rates in a world where rates generally are very low.

This would suggest that the strength is week, and I intend to do so. ..

present level is unsustainable. That would

be the mainstream view and my American banker did reckon that things felt "a bit overblown". But there is a substantial minority view that the pound will remain pretty strong for quite a while yet. The high interest rates which are buoying it up are not an artificial prop, but rather a necessary response to a strongly-growing economy. Some day the economy will turn down and we will get lower interest rates, but I'm not sure that situation will be widely welcomed when it comes. Meanwhile the prospect is for higher rates still, for the economy car-

ries on a brisk canter. Even when the down-turn in rates starts, whenever that may be, it is perfectly plausible that sterling will remain a strongish currency. In fact, assuming we keep it, the pound may remain fundamentally strong for . a generation or more. That would seem to be the only safe assumption that our exporters should make, and accordingly they should plan to adapt to cope.

That leads to the "does it matter?" question. The manufacturing lobby is well-organised and has had no difficulty in making its fears heard. But manufacturing is only a small portion of the economy - about onefifth. The other four-fifths tend to benefit when the pound is strong; we gain from lower prices, cheaper holidays, a generally higher standard of living. Were sterling absurdly high there would be a genuine cause for alarm, but at the moment UK wage costs are still considerably lower than those in ing around close to their all-time record. And . France and Germany, so we cannot be that far out of line.

Some wise UK manufacturers actually welcome the strong pound. I was talking with Sterling's new-found status as a safe an American executive theother day about the firm's UK subsidiary. The great advantage of the strong pound, be said was that

> Sterling is a safe haven, a calm solid asset in

it forced the local UK management to bring in all sorts of measures to improve efficiency There were, he said, very few ports of call: that head office wanted and it had previ-The world is awash with liquidity, and most ously been resisting. Why didn't you force investors were full of dollar assets and want- them, I asked. Well, we couldn't because the rencies? Well, all the uncertainty about the .. ficiencies, they were still making excellent

in Germany and Japan has been the relative strength of the currency, forcing any company wanting to export to use its largest input, labour, as efficiently as possible. Our exporters, by contrast, tended to be bailed out by successive devaluations of the pound. The surge of sterling in the early 1980s started the process whereby British companies were forced to began in narrow the productivity gap, but as the Chancellor acknowledged there is still some way to go.

So we've got to learn to live with high excellor or the Bank can do to bring the pound of our buoyant economy. So what should we do? I suggest we enjoy it. I'm off abroad next

Alastair Campbell - Blair's virtuous thug and now a key Tory target



ANDREW MARR ON THE PM'S **SPOKESMAN**

"I'M THE master now." That is the charge against Alastair Campbell, Tony Blair's press secretary and suddenly the new hate figure for half the media and most of the Conservative Party. He has been accused of being a swaggering bully, a liar and a sinister influence in politics. After Peter Mandelson and Derry Irvine, it's Campbellkicking time.

The Prime Minister himself will be unworried. He knows that Campbell is blamed for his own success. Like the others, be is a target for people who haven't yet worked out how to go for Blair himself. Blair knows too that in an

era of media-driven politics a successful leader needs to be thought sympatico, friendly, decent; and therefore needs to employ a nasty cop to get certain things done. Blair is a brilliant wooer and butterer-up. If there's a prickly colleague to be won round for the greater good, or a difficult journalist to be neutralised, he's your man. But if, on the other hand, a minister needs to be whacked or it's phone-slamming time for the editor of The Daily Beast, then Campbell goes to work.

It is, in short, Alastair Campbell's fate and calling to be PC Nasty to Blair's Inspector Nice the scowl behind New Labour's smile. It is a calling that he embraces with characteristic gusto. He has all the necessary qualities: a thick hide, a rough tongue and a bottomless supply of loyalty.
MPs should no

mistake the game that is being played here. Blair has a range of people around him who do the mucky stuff, and deflect criticism that would otherwise land on the Prime Minister. It was, for instance, Blair who made the decisions on the Dome - yet this is rarely mentioned, and it is Mandelson who will get any blame. It was Blair who put Derry Irvine in the position of chief knocker-together of heads on key Cabinet committees; yet the ministers with stinging headaches hlame the impatient Lord Chancellor, not emollient and sympathetic Tony.

Similarly, in the recent case



The heat is on Alastair Campbell, the PM's press secretary: but is he just the fall guy?

Photograph; Reuters

where Campbell was found having written furious fingerwagging letters to Frank Field and Harriet Harman, it was Blair's fury that was behind the exchanges. He had tried in stop briefing and counter-briefing on welfare, which was damaging his pre-Budget strategy. Only when he failed did Campbell supply the rbetoric.

The most potent and difficult problem is over Blair's close relationship with Murdoch. Again, though, whatever you think of that - and I think it stinks - then you must blame the Prime Minister, not his press secretary. Campbell is close to Sun journalists and was heavi-

We can speculate endlessly and enjoyably on that relationship. Unless his views have changed a lot, Campbell is probably a populist and mildly Old Labour influence on Blair. I have a shrewd idea of his feelings about some ministers. But until he publishes a fat volume of memoirs, in the 2010s, we won't really know.

In the meantime, we can at least hegin to measure him against his two best-known predecessors, Joe Haines in the Wilson era and Bernard Ingham in the Thatcher years. Both are men Campbell admires; yet he is already a bigger figure than either of them.

ham, Campbell speaks fluent Anglo-Saxon and has a short fuse. (We shouldn't, by the way, have any time for journalistic whining on this score. Any selfrespecting back should simply get out the Anglo-Saxon phrase book, and pour it back. Did that nasty Alastair Campbell call oo a dickhead then? Diddums!)

As with Ingham, "press secretary is a grossly inadequate term for Campbell. He is Blair's chosen instrument of discipline in a highly disciplined government; his power rubs up against some of the higgest names and egos in the administration. That hasn't helped his popularity. But if ministers leak or brief against

ple all over them then they

shouldn't be ministers in the first

place. His role as Enforcer,

and his friendship with Blair,

make him a lot more than a

press officer. He maners more

to the current Prime Minister

even than Sir Bernard mat-

tered to Margaret Thatcher.

is that Campbell has avoided the

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isters' authority and careers that

The great difference, so far,

marked lingham's period. Ingham's unattributable briefings felt like anonymous knives in the back for those Tories on the receiving end; and that nasiy courrier-politics was one reason for The Independent boycotting and subvering the lobby system when we first launched in 1986. Campbell, by contrast, has abolished the unattributable briefings which were the main daily method of spreading poison. He speaks on the record. He does-

n't, in my experience, play games,

And is he guilty of manufacturing news? Well of packaging it, certainly: the appetite for stories is constantly accelerating and needs feeding, particularly at the weekend, with low-fibre, high-fat muncbahle stories in brightly-coloured cartons. It is part of Campbell's job to supply that need; because if Number 10 doesn't, its enemies will. I suspect he often feels less like a control freak than a fastfood operative, hurling late-Haines has mildly chastised one another then, in Blair's night stories at a queue of ravening sickos.

So he's powerful, rude and mmitted. Whatever the opposite of Luvvie is, that's Campbell. He's trihal. He enjoys his power. Of all the arguments I've had with New Labourites, none has been as spectacularly angry as with him.

But he is Blair's true instrument. And he doesn't lie. And he isn't sinister. So if you don't like New Labour's tunes, complain to the management. Don't shoot the pianist (or in this case

It is his fate and calling to be PC Nasty to the Prime Minister's Inspector Nice - the scowl behind New Labour's smile

ly involved in the pre-election strategy of trying to win Mur- Campbell for being too public book, they deserve to get doch over - the strategy which a figure. It is true that he's not whacked. And if, in other rewent too far and is now, in government, becoming an embarrassment. But that was, in the end, Blair's strategy, not Camp-

I am not trying to suggest, of course, that Campbell isn't hugely influential. He is probably Tony Blair's closest friend. There's no point in complaining that he is unelected: that is partly why he is so close. He has no constituency to nurse, no ambitions or interests distinct from those of the Prime Minister. Every leader needs an absolutely reliable, private friend with whom to discuss his innermost thoughts. All the signs are that Blair's is Campbell.

exactly camera-shy and can be spects, they let Campbell tramseen regularly at Blair's elbow, like a particularly menacing American presidential security guard. Yet things have changed

since Haines's day. Campbell was fated to be famous, or infamous, from the day he agreed to work with Blair. He was already a colourful and wellknown journalist, a good, vivid broadcaster, an occasional pugilist and a skillful bagpiper. Given that, the omnipresent cameras would have made Campbell a public figure unless he hid in his office all day. Ingham is perhaps the more

interesting parallel Like Ing-

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SUZANNE MOORE · THE RIGHTS OF SMOKERS

IT IS TRUE that peer-group pressure encourages smoking. After a lifetime of resistance, I finally gave in and started smoking at the age of 35. One drug, as they say, leads to another. Contrary to popular opinion I believe that hard drugs lead inevitably to soft drugs. That's my experience

Even now, though, my habit is not properly formed. I can go for weeks without a cigarette then smoke millions in a night. My friend Deborah always complains: "You are the most crap smoker I know". But I maintain that though I am not a particularly committed smoker, I am committed to the idea Of smoking.

Recent visits to California

have greatly increased my com- Council is to try to ban its workmitment. I have seen the future and it is ghastly. I felt compelled to smoke twice as much there as usual. The question, "Do you mind if I smoke?" is equivalent. to saying, "May I use your children in a Satanic ritual?" Nipping into the garden is also out of the question. The great outdoors apparently belongs to . everybody. Except smokers.

I have had the bizarre experience of being seated outside at a restaurant in order to abuse myself. There were many empty tables around us. Yet, within minutes other people were seated beside us who proceeded to complain. This begs the question: who does public space actually belong to?

The arguments about passive smoking have not led, among smokers anyway, to anything resembling a resistance movement; but non-smokers have become increasingly aggressive towards anyone who they see as violating their right to clean, fresh air.

In America, of all places, where the car is king, one might presume there to be equal concern about pollution; but there isn't. In the land of individualism, the car continues to rule, because so much social and economic life is based around car ownership. Smoking, an individual activity, is regarded as profoundly anti-social.

Such attitudes are crossing the Atlantic Tower Hamlets ers from smoking outside its town hall buildings. The new rules, expected to be approved next year, would mean that employees cannot smoke, in working time, inside or outside any council building or vehicle.

No one can believe that this will stop those who smoke from smoking. I suppose it will jest add an extra thrill to sneaking off for a quick fag, the very thrill that gets so many people hooked in the first place.

What is astonishing about

It is easy enough, I suppose, to divide and rule. If the world is made up of smokers (dirty. filthy, selfish types whn pour fumes out into the environment) and non-smokers (cleanliving saints who are considerate both of their own and others health), then it's fine to wage a war on smokers. The majority of people, when polled, will vote to work in a smoke-free environment and I don't blame them. They want to be able to use public transport without baving to encounter the stale

What is astonishing about California is the passivity of the smokers. You can be in a bar full of Hell's Angels who meekly leave if they want a cigarette

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by health freaks but the passivity of smokers themselves. You can be in a bar full of Hells Angels who meekly leave the bar if they want a cigarette. On St Patrick's night, it was still hard to find an Irish bar that allowed smoking. We eventually reached a compromise, whereby we could smoke but leave no evidence. "You have to take your butts outside," said the barman menacingly.

California is not that it is run smell of cigarette smoke. Far enough. But would the majority of people also vote to ban

smoking altogether? If smoking were to be presented as a civil liberties issue - the rights of smokers to selfdestruct versus the rights of non-smokers to a smoke-freeenvironment - surely you would get a more balanced view. This compromise is one we seemed to have achieved without too fuss much already. There is less and less smoking in confined public spaces. Outside, however, still means ontside, and is therefore beyond jurisdiction. The Californian situation seems to redefine public space as only available to certain members of the public (ie, unn-smokers).

Those who are really concerned about smoking - particularly the numbers of young women smoking - should pay attention. Young women smoke not just to keep their weight down but because they believe it to be "cool". Anti-smoking bodies are keen to re-educate these misguided young things so that they realise that smoking isn't actually cool. It kills you or, worse, makes you smell so bad so you cannot get a boyfriend. Yet, the more you drive

smoking underground, the cooler you make it. The coolest man I met in California was full of the joys of extra-wide Camels and regaling me with tales of how his friend David was being driven out of California because of the draconian anti smoking legislation. David, a libertarian, had originally gone to California for the freedom and light it offered. The David, he was talk-

ing about was David Hockney. The country that produced the civil rights movement and gay liberation once defined civil disobedience as part of political activism. Nowadays civil disobedience has been reduced have an effect.

to simply lighting-up in public. The political has become entirely personalised

The deadly problems of American society make many citizens feet personally powerless. By insisting that others do not blow smoke in their faces, they desperately exercise control in the tiny space they feel they can. To be anti-smoking also allows the majority to be victims. You don't have to be black, poor, gay or female to feel in some way "violated" by the behaviour of others. Antismoking legislation allows people to assert their "rights" in a way that they rarely do in other areas of their lives. Smoke itself - vague.

cloudy, insidious - comes to represent all kinds of social evils that leak into our environment. But, unlike racism, poverty or crime, smoking can simply be banned.

In such an environment it is undouhtedly cool to smoke, to remind others of human frailty and human failings, to appear publicly fallible. The anti-smoking lobby has achieved what pathetic smokers themselves never could. They have given credence to the adolescent idea of smoking as intrinsically rebellious, as active rather than passive, as meaningful rather than meaningless.

At last we find ourselves truly rebels without any cause whatsoever. But my god do we



FINANCIAL JOURNAL OF THE YEAR

Traders drive currency above DM3.10 as Brown insists there is no quick fix for struggling exporters

CBI appeals to Bank as pound hits new high

By Diane Coyle

Economics Editor

THE FINANCIAL markets took a fresh run at the pound yesterday, driving it above DM3.10 for the first time since July 1989 and sending sterling's index against a range of currencies back to its highest since the mid-1980s.

It ended at DM3.0963, from 3.0962 on Monday. The sterling part of the strong pound on part index climbed 0.1 to 108.9, just heating its April 1988 peak of 108.9 to reach the highest level since late 1985, having hit 109.2 rise accompanied by a clear earlier in the day,

Gordon Brown insisted yesthe problem of the strong pound. Repeating the mantra that the Government wanted a "stable and competitive pound in the medium term", the Chancellor told MPs on the Treasury select committee: "I don't believe that there is a short-term

He said the strength of the pound was in large part a cyclical phenomenon, with the truding partners, and the appeal gain much stronger against European currencies than the US dollar. "This is not a time to give in to short term pressures but to stick with the long-term view," Mr Brown said.

He said it was up to industry and the financial communi- from exporters. Companies ty as well as government to be have pointed to the strength of long-termist, and made it clear sterling as the main reason for that he thought the Govern- declining profits, and business ment had done enough to con- organisations report anecdotribute to stability with the tallevidence that job losses will tough Budgets in July and last month. "To resort to the old economics of stop-go would be the worst possible course for the British economy.

By Nigel Cope

City Correspondent

JIM FIFIELD, the EMI exec-

utive dubbed "Lucky Jim" be-

cause of his lavish pay, received

another stroke of good fortune

yesterday when an options pack-

age worth £8.7m was triggered,

have come at a more embar-

rassing time for EMI. The com-

pany is in negotiations with Mr.

Fifield to release him from his

contract in a move that may cost

is on top of the total pay of £7m

in EMI said the company was

fast becoming a laughing stock:

"It has become pretty ludi-

crous. It seems to be complete

chaos round there at the mo-

ment. All this might be OK if

The latest payout to Mr Fi-

EMI was doing well at the mo-

he received last year.

The share award could not

the latest Budget had been tougher, to remove the pressure tough enough but warned that any further rise in the pound would cause serious problems for exporters.

Mr Brown's replies will redouble the focus on next week's decision on interest rates by the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee.

Mr Turner said: "The MPC has to take into account the imof the economy." The CBI would like to see either no interest rate rise next week, or a statement that this was the peak.

Some analysts predicted the terday there was no quick fix to pound could easily climb another 10 pfennigs to above DM3.20 before falling hack later in the year.

> There is no particular reason for the pound to have gone higher this week except for the fact that currency traders are reached. pushing it," said Jonathan ovnes at HSBC Markets.

The strength of the British of the pound as a safe haven from any possible EMU turbulence, are expected to underpin its current level.

The renewed surge in the currency has prompted ever more anguished complaints

City experts do not think there is much scope for the Chancellor or the Bank of Eng-rise to keep inflation on target land to do anything about the Adair Turner, director gen- pound. While some argue the

in April 1993 and triggered

vesterday. The award was of

sideration. At yesterday's clos-

ing share price of 496p, down

10p on the day, those shares are

worth £8.7m. The company

said it did not know whether Mr

Fitield planned to cash them in.

comment on the awkward tim-

ing, merely saying the options

"One wonders just what EMI

were thinking of when they

signed this contract. Presumably

Sir Colin Southgate [the EMI

discussions. One continues to be

been included in the small print

of EMI's annual reports since

1994. But they have been trig-

gered just when Mr Fifield's role

at EM1 is the subject of heated

debate. The head of EMI Music

Mikkei

Details of the options have

"were part of his contract".

The company declined to

On EMI shareholder said:

.75 million shares at zero con-

Lucky Jim nets

£8.7m from

EMI options

for higher interest rates, there are no fresh steps Mr Brown can take. Ruth Lea, head of policy at

the Institute of Directors, agreed: "We have to wait for economic events to take their course. The pound is likely to stay pretty strong for six to 12 months."

The Bank's Monetary Policy Committee will meet next week to pass its verdict on interest rates. Little relief is expected from central banks overseas, with the US Federal Reserve uppearing set to leave US rates unchanged last night and the Bundesbank expected to do the same later in the week.

Business is unanimous in urging the MPC not to raise UK rates any further, while the Treasury has been keen for it to get any necessary increase over with, so that it can signal to the markets that the peak bas been

Since January the comminee has been split over whether or not the cost of borrowing should rise. Eddie George, the Bank's Governor, used his casting vote to keep them unchanged in February, the latest month for which minutes have been published.

Since last month there has been no evidence on the economy to tip the balance decisively one way or the other. While the signs are that growth is slowing. it is not clear that it is slowing fast enough to keep the lid on pay and inflationary pressures. Evidence on pay settlements

If wage increases do stabilise. the risk of a final interest rate businesses too." will probably be averted.

Jim Fifield: Known as

Lucky Jim because of pay

directors and he is now planning

to leave. Negotiations over his

release from his contract are still

Separately, directors in

Unilever, the Wall's ice-cream

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£600,000, Christopher Jemmett,

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is coming under close scrutiny.



Over a barrel: Highland Distilleries, maker of Famous Grouse and Macallan, said the pound would wipe (I m off profits

Strength of sterling gives the whisky business a headache

By Andrew Yates and Lea Paterson

THREE more companies yesterday joined

had taken its toll on their UK operations.

packaging group, confirmed it was to cut its UK workforce following protracted chairman, said: "We would much prefer to see a weaker currency. It is not only hurt-

cent to IR£139m (£113m) in the year to December. Profits were hit not only by ster- multi-million pound global advertising ling's strength - which affected only the group's UK business - but also by depressed prices resulting from industry over-capacity. However, the group expects prices to to increase its advertising budget by 15 per

Mr Smurfil said the company was on the acquisition trail, but would return capital to shareholders in the absence of valueadding acquisitions.

Highland Distilleries, which makes Famous Grouse and Macallan whisky, said the strong pound would wipe £1m of its profits as it attempts to expand its sales abroad. The rising pound limited the risc Mr Smurfit declined to provide details in group's profits to just one per cent to

Highland Distilleries has launched a campaign in an attempt to counter the damaging effects of sterling's strength and the slump in the UK whisky market. It plans cent this year and has employed agency Abbot Mead Vickers to devise a series of television commercials starring the grouse featured on the whisky bottles.

The group, which plans to change its name to Highland Distillers, warned the British whisky market would continue to

be difficult for some time. The strong pound also knocked £10m off profits at Hepworth, the heating group which makes Glow-Worm boilers. The damage was largely felt on the translation of profits at its French heating subsidiary.

joy complete protection within

their franchise area under track

access agreements with Railtrack.

cost to the taxpayer, according

to Mr Swift. "I expect this pol-

icy to lead to the introduction

of new services such as airport

links, services to new develop-

ments, to shopping and leisure

centres, and park and ride sites,

privately voiced their concerns.

Connex - which runs two large

franchises in the South-east -

has made it clear it would pre-

fer no competition. Last year

Connex South Central dropped

300 trains from its timetable -

at the time many experts said

another company should have

stepped in to run the service.

Some companies have al-

Some train companies have

and cross-regional services."

There should be little new

Drug tie-up boosts biotech group

THE EXTREME volatility of the drug and biotechnology sectors was thrown into sharp

focus yesterday. Shares in Chiroscience, the hiotechnology group, soared 60p to 323.5p - a 23 per cent surge - as it unveiled one of Europe's biggest ever drug tieups. In marked contrast Smith & Nephew, the UK's largest bealthcare group, admitted the development of Dermagraft, its skin grafting treatment which uses human tissue from the foreskin of circumcised babies, had met with problems in the US which sent its shares tumbling 12p to 166p.

Chiroscience expects to receive at least £200m in payments and royalties from Zeneca, the pharmaceutical giant, for developing Chirocaine, a local anaesthetic. Zeneca is also buying £15m worth of new Chiroscience shares, giving it a holding of just over 3 per cent in the biotech group.

Chirocaine lasts much longer than other local anaesthetics corrently on the market, and can be used to numb areas of the body for up to 48 hours at a time. Patients will soon be able to undergo operations such as hip replacements using the new treatment rather than having to be rendered unconscious by a general anaesthetic. Chiroscience believes this will save the medical industry many millions of pounds by reducing the time patients will have lo

stay in hospital. Dr John Padfield, chief execntive of Chiroscience, said that the market for such local apaesthetics was growing rapidly and predicted that Chirocaine was likely to have peak sales of £250m a year. "We will get a minimum of £200m like a conservative figure," he

Chiroscience also plans to ex-plore ways of using Chirocaine to help reduce pain for patients after they have undergone serious operations. The wave is due to be launched in Europe during 1998 and in the US next year.

Meanwhile Smith & Nephew has been forced to recall some of its Dermagraft products after a routine visit by the Federal Drugs Administration to manufacturing facilities in the US unearthed production problems. The American launch of Dermagraft is now likely to be delayed for

several months. S&N admitted that Advanced Tissue Sciences, its US partner, had of not followed the right production procedures, including not documenting research or

monitoring results properly. Chris O'Donnell, the group's chief executive, admitted the findings added to the uncertainty surrounding Dermagraft but said it should not seriously damage chances of the treatment being launched in the US market later this year. "This is an annoying setback rather than a major heartache." be said. S&N has now sent three of its own employees over to

S&N is the first company in the world to develop the bio-engineered skin which helps cure foot ulcers in diabetics and could eventually be used for car-Outlook, page 21 | tilage and ligament injuries.

sort out the problems.

the growing ranks of firms whose profits have been hit by the strength of sterling. Highland Distilleries, Jefferson Smurrecover in 1998. fit and Hepworth all admitted the pound Jefferson Smurfit, the Irish paper and

UK difficulties. Dermot Smurfit, deputy ing our business, it is hurting our customers'

of the likely scale of UK job cuts, but an- £25,1m in the six months to February. At alysts believe hundreds of jobs could be at constant rates the group's operating prof-

OFT does U-turn as: Coral deal is referred

By Andrew Yates

MARGARET Bockett, President of the Board of Trade, vesterday referred Ladhroke's £363m acquisition of the Coral betting shop chain to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission after acting on a recommendation from the Office of Fair Trading (OFT). However, his promotion to

The controversial decision group chief executive was comes despite the fact that slocked by the non-executive | Ladbroke sought and received confidential assurances from the OFT that it would allow the deal to go ahead - before it proceeded with the acquisition.

The U-turn from the OFT came amidst growing political and Persil detergents group. pressure for a full MMC inquiry cashed in share options worth : from senior members of the more than 12m last year, lain ; Government, Mrs Beckett said the acquisition raised competiand technology director was the | tion concerns in the off-course biggest beneficiary, cashing in betting market, Ladbroke now options worth Elm. Roy Brown. has more than 36 per cent of the head of food and beverages in betting shop market with more Europe, exercised options worth | than 2600 outlets. Peter George, chief executive

a member of Unitever's execuof Ladhroke, said he was disaptive committee who retired last \(\) pointed by the Government's decision. Although we had Niuli FitzGerald, Unilever's preliminary contact with the chairman was the bighest paid Office of Fair Trading before we director. He received £935,296. acquired Coral from Bass on a

US long hand

conditional basis, we recognised that the transaction may be referred to the MMC," he said.

The Government could force Ludbroke to sell hundreds of betting shops to overcome monopoly concerns. Nomura, which recently bought William Hill, the Tote and Stanley Leisure, is likely to emerge as a potential buyer for sites.

The acquisition has caused concern among senior cabinet ministers. Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary and a keen horse racing fan, has publicly voiced his worries about the deal and Alan Meale, another Labour MP, led the attack against the acquisition.

The City expected a full MMC inquiry and Ladbroke's shares rose 3.25p to 334.5p yesterday. The investigation will last until July 7.

Ladbroke had hoped to avoid an inquiry by selling 133 betting shops to the Tote to conform to the so called "quarter mile rule" laid down by the MMC when Mecca merged with William Hill in 1989. This stipulated that a bookmaker could not have more than one shop within a 440-yard radius and was aimed at ensuring that no one was able to establish a local monopoly.

Swift plans to hand rail routes to rivals

Transport Correspondent

FAILING rail companies could vesterday. John Swift QC, the inproposals for even greater com-

Next year's winter timetable will allow train companies to apply to run a rival's services if Mr Swift considers they are failing to meet adequately their customers' demands.

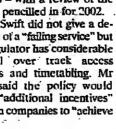
to 20 per cent of a train operator's revenue to be up for grahs by rival companies in 1999. More competition could follow if Mr Swift's plans are a success - with a review of the

By Randeep Ramesh and maintain greater henefits. for passengers through improved services or lower fares". At present, train operators en-

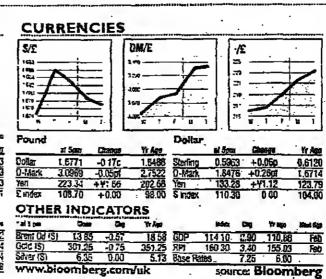
be relieved of running services in . certain areas under radical plans put forward by the rail regulator dustry regulator, watered down pention and head-on battles between rail companies and instead plumped for tightening his grip on the rail network.

The new policy will allow up system pencilled in for 2002.

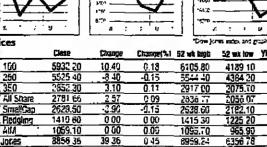
Mr Swift did not give a definition of a "failing service" but the regulator has considerable control over track access charges and timetabling. Mr Swift said the policy would place "additional incentives" on train companies to "achieve



ready launched competing services. The route between London and Peterborough is served by both GNER and WAGN. which last year bought out a "dedicated" annual season ticket for £1.000 less than GNER's.



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OUTLOOK ON THE PROBLEM OF THE SOARING POUND, THE BATTLE FOR ROLLS-ROYCE AND PLANS FOR COMPETITION ON THE RAILWAYS

Meddling with interest rates is not the answer

to see action on the pound, and the higher it goes, the more they are turning up the pressure on their trade organisations and their MPs to get results. The ultimate recipients of this cascade of lobbying. Gordon Brown and the members of the MPC, must be wishing there is something they could do. But they can't - or at least, not much.

The reason lies in the explanations for the pound's rise. Sterling has been driven partly by the divergence between the strong British and weak European cconomies, just as the dollar has been driven up by the strength of the US economy. Not only are interest rates higher in Britain than elsewhere in Europe for cyclical reasons, they are also likely to remain higher as long as the UK remains outside Emu. So relative yields favour sterling, and will do for some time.

On top of that, there is a safe haven effect. The Euro is an unknown quantity, investors are unsure how tough the European Central Bank will be, and there might yet be some market turbulence affecting the Emu currencies.

Add to that the froth that financial markets always lavish on a one-way bet, and there is no earthly reason for traders to do anything other than bid the pound higher. A change in market sentiment is some months away, and will probably need a trigger like decisive signs of strong growth in Germany, or the start of a downturn in the US economy.

Can the MPC alter this by leaving or even cutting interest rates? Almost certainly

underlying state of the economy rather than the Bank's reaction. Unchanged or lower rates would still leave yields in the UK at a very attractive level, and could backfire if the markets decided it would give a new spurt to the economy's pace of growth.

Could Mr Brown have made things better with a tougher Budget? Probably not. Not only has his fiscal policy been pretty tough anyway, it is too blunt an instrument for fine-tuning the economy. Higher taxes on consumers announced in March would hammer spending too late to make any difference, never mind breaking the Government's political pledges.

The Government has also ruled out for the time being the one step that would make a hig difference to sterling, namely joining the single currency at an early date. This would have been the best way to remove exporters' sterling headaches. and to do it permanently.

There are some tactical steps left that might help a bit. The Bank of England could announce next week that interest rates are on hold for the forseeable future, as it did in August - as long as the members of the MPC have reached this conclusion. The Government could decide to intervene in the foreign currency markets, sending a signal about its views on the exchange rate by selling sterling. This might have a symbolic effect that would remove some of the speculative froth.

But the inescapable conclusion is that the economy is where it is and isn't going to get anywhere else very quickly. The time for

election when Kenneth Clarke should have raised interest rates to exol growth to a sustainable page. Mr Brown and the MPC should ignore the chorus of complaint and keep their eyes fixed on the right policies for the yearomy next year and every year beyond.

Germans in hot pursuit of Rolls

The spectacle of BMW and Volkswagen milgating one another as they roar down the autobahn in hot pursuit of Rolls-Royce is entenaining for Vicioes shareholders if nothing else. Certainly their respective drivers lack neither determination nor ambition.

BMW's Bernd Pischetsrieder had a fit of road rage when plucky little Maytlewer threatened to wreck his plans by oldding for the whole of Vickers. Maybower quickly withdrew after BMW said it would have to find another engine supplier if the bid succeeded.

Meanwhile, petrol, not blood, is said to course around the veins of VW's Ferdinand Piech. Having weathered the Lopez industrial espionage scandal and turned around VW and its other brands including Skoda, Mr Piech fancies his chances at the more rarified end of the market,

For both companies beying Rolls off the shelf is a lot less expensive a proposition than developing their own laxury brands, not to mention the fact that they

start with a priceless brand name. BMW has been in the driving seat in

just because Mr Pischetsrieder has a sentimental attachment to British brand names bordering on the unhealthy.

Whether VW will outmancovre BMW therefore remains to be seen. Its initial interest in Rolls was seen partly as an attempt to make last autumn's ill-judged DM6hn capital increase a more palatable issue for VW shareholders to swallow. VW and Mr "I would pay almost any price" Piech may now simply be driving up the figure that BMW is finally obliged to pay.

But do not bet on it. The Picch ambition is every hit a match for the Pischetsrieder passion - he does not own a 50-year old Phantom II by chance.

Faced with a higher hid from VW, the ickers board would be hard pressed to ignore it as they have the offers submitted by groups of Rolls Royce enthusiasts. BMW could always try playing its trump card by getting its aero-engine partner. Rolls-Royce pie, to use its power of veto over the transfer of the brand name. But, again, it would be hard pushed to argue. in the courts or anywhere else, that VW would be less appropriate as an owner than BMW. Meanwhile Vickers shareholders should sit back and enjoy the race.

How will this rail rivalry work?

The deregulation of the bus industry had an interesting impact on behaviour, in some parts of the country it became com-

not, as the market judgement concerns the somebody to do something was before the this auction since the beginning and not morplace to see rival operators leapfrogging one another's services in order to get to the bus stop first. Good news for passengers. Bad news for road safety cam-

Now the rail regulator is planning something similar for the train operating companies, except of course that trains cannot overtake one another quite like

From September next year up to 20 per cent of the revenues that the current franchisces earn will be open to competition. Not real competition in the sense of two rival operators vying for the same passengers. In fact it would be better to call it substitution. Those operators who are making a poor fist of running a particular service will find it taken away and re-

Details of how this will work are hazy. First the regulator will have to define what constitutes a "failing service". Then he will have to decide what to do with point to point franchises like the Gatwick Express where it will be difficult to reallocate only a portion of the route.

If the regulator does nothing more than ensure the train operating companies improve their most profitable routes sufficiently to hang onto them, then he will argue the exercise has been a success.

But the railways are an industry where the physical limits of the infrastructure make real competition well nigh impossible. The time to have extracted maximum benefit for passengers was when the franchises were first let. But that is another story.

Rolls sale in doubt as VW 'trumps' £340m BMW bid

By Michael Harrison

THE FUTURE ownership of Rolls-Royce was thrown wide open again yesterday after it emerged Volkswagen might be had not closed the door altopreparing to trump the agreed £340m offer for the luxury car maker tabled by its German manage the sale process in the rival BMW on Monday.

According to reports circulating in Germany, the VW chairman Ferdinand Piech is prepared to pay "almost any the deal. It has undertaken not price" for Rolls. Today's edition

VW refused to comment pany, said it was "very happy"

By Andrew Verity

JIM SUTCLIFFE the former

chief executive of Prudential's UK.

operations, received more than

£1.3m in pay and benefits in his

final year - despite presiding over

"deep-seated and long-standing

management failures" in the

Prndential yesterday re-

vealed that Mr Sutcliffe, who re-

signed in September after a

sharp disagreement with group

chief executive. Sir Peter Davis,

was paid £359,000 in salary,

bonus and benefits. He realised

£539,000 by exercising share op-

tions and received a share

a further £343,000 in compen-

sation for loss of office, making.

£1,339,000. It also paid an un-

pension, entitling him to

surance company, was severely

regulators for falling substan-

tially below the standards

expected of a regulated firm,

The Pru, Britain's largest in-

£101,000 a year if he retires at 60. FSA said.

Prudential paid Mr Sutcliffe

award worth £98,000.

pension mis-selling area.

the long-term future of the company," a spokeswoman said.

But Vickers made clear it gether on rival higher offers, adding: "We will continue to best interests of shareholders." Vickers has agreed to give

BMW a four-week period of exclusivity to finalise the terms of to consider any other bids during. of the German newspaper Bild that period. But if it is clear VW even claims that VW filed an im- would pay a higher price, Vickers proved offer on Monday worth would expect that to be reflected 1.76n German marks (£550m). in its negotiations with BMW.

Bernd Pischetsrieder, the and Vickers, Rolls' parent com- chairman of BMW, accepted with the agreement in principle bid but said he would make only signed with BMW, which also one offer for Rolls. Speaking at

pensating victims of pension

utive of Prudential's UK operations at the time when the

Financial Services Authority

said the company failed to rem-

edy grave defects in the opera-

tion of its sales force, which it

had already been warned about.

company overlooked 8,000 vie-

tims of mis-selling because they

had retired or died since the Pru

was first asked to review their

tacked the Pru for a "cultural

disposition against compliance

with the Financial Services

Act] which filtered through

Prudential's branch offices.

their managers and advisers"

The company's management

controls to protect investors, the

than the Pru's group chief ex-

year to £655m from £621m. The

Pru also made pension contri-

hutions worth more than

Mr Sutcliffe was paid more

In December, the FSA at-

cases, in 1994.

specified amount to top up his had failed to put in place proper

criticised twice last year by City 'ecutive. Sir Peter's pay rose last

mainly for failures in com- £139,000 on Sir Peter's behalf.

Among other failings, the

Mr Sutcliffe was chief exec-

mis-selling.

owns Rover, "It offered the best the group's annual results press deal for shareholders and for conference in Frankfurt, Mr Pischetsrieder said: "I cannot rule out that others make further, higher offers. It is possible."

Bild says today that VW's original offer was worth DM1.5bn and that it was prepared to increase this by DM200m. VW is also reported to have offered to duction of a Bentley sports car. buy Vickers' specialist engine business, Cosworth.

Sources close to Vickers said VW's initial bid was slightly more than £300m and that the DM1.5bn (£484m) figure husiness. They also insisted that no formal increased offer was received from VW on yesterday that it might be out. Monday although it might have made contact with Vickers' financial advisers, Lazards.

acquire Rolls ever since Vickers put the business up for auetion last autumn, has pledged to invest £Ibn in the Rolls and Bentley marques over the next at Crewe and triple output. Part of its plans includes pro-

BMW, the front-runner to

Speaking yesterday, Mr Pischetsrieder said: "There could be a few surprises coming from Crewe." He also reiterated BMW's commitment to Crewe, stressing that the business would quoted in Germany included retain its local identity and proposed investment in the would have a British-style board with non-executive directors.

Vickers is due to seek share-May. The board is certain to the market segment. face hostile questioning from a

group of Rolls owners whose bid for the company was rejected. The Rolls-Royce Acquisition Consortium is chaired by Kevin Morley, former marketing director of Rover. Dondecade, double the workforce ald Longmore, secretary of the consortium, has accused BMW of conducting n "rape of British industry".

But Mr Pischetsrieder said: "Historically, there have hardly heen any occasions where shareholders took a different decision from the board." The news that BMW had

won Vickers' hacking for Rolls-Royce threatened to put pressure on fellow German carmakers to follow suit with their holder approval for the sale at own luxury limousines, raising an extraordinary meeting in worries about overcapacity in

Ontlook, this page

Rover makes CIA looks to US as talks with first profit since takeover

ROVER made an operating profit last year for the first time since being taken over hy BMW of Germany in 1994, writes Michael Harrison. However, its chairman Dr Walter Hasselkus warned the strong pound would hit its performance this year,

The operating profit of £31m in 1997 compares with a loss of £29m the previous year. On a German accounting hasis Rover made a bottom line loss after depreciation and interest charges of £91m in 1997 compared with a loss of £119m in 1996 and £158m in 1995.

The tosses reflect BMW's high level of tovestment in Rover. Since 1994 it has injected more than £2hn, created 4,000 johs, lannched five new models - Range Rover. MGF, Rover 200, Rover 400 and Freelander - and raised output by 20 per cent.

advertising giant end

CIA, the media buying group, yesterday said it had held talks with WPP, the advertising giant which owns 14 per cent of its shares, but that they had not led anywhere. Chris Ingram, chairman, said: There have been conversations but at the end of the day we did not see any scenarios which brought mutual henefit." He said ClA was looking to strengthen its business in the US through acquisitions or joint ventures with large advertising groups, CLA shares closed up 3p at 203p.

GWR broadcasts warning

GWR, the radio group, yesterday warned a shortfall in advertising revenues at Classic FM, its classical music station, had held back profits for the year to March. Ralph Bernerd, the chief executive, said a change of sales director just before Christmas had led to the station, which accounts for 30 per cent of the group, taking £1.5m less in revenues than expected. He said the station would still make full-year profits over £4m - the first in its history. The shares slipped 14p to 178.5p.

'Euro-regulator' idea panned

EUROPE's telecoms and television firms should continue to be controlled by national bodies rather than a "Euro-regulator". Don Cruickshank, the outgoing director-general of telecoms watchdog Oftel, said yesterday. Mr Cruickshank has advocated existing regulators be scrapped and replaced with bodies controlling the structure and content of all telecom, television and computer firms. Mr Cruickshank said it would be "unhelpful and impractical to have a single Euro-regulator taking decisions on important cultural issues like public service broadcasting and 'taste and decency' issues."

RAP's chief executive quits

DAVID EMMETT has quit as chief executive of RAP Group, the rubber products company. According to a company spokesman, "excess stock" was discovered at RAP's Midlands operation. Mr Emmett, who had been with the company for 17 years, was chairman and chief executive of RAP during the recent drastic decline in stock prices which saw values drop from approximately 130p two years ago, to 30p this month. Its shares closed yesterday at 32.5p, down 2p. The company issued a statement on 24 March stating that "additional provisions may be requested" in light of the Midlands discoveries.

New name for 7-11 stores

BUDGENS is rebranding the 7-11 convenience stores under the new name B2 from 9 April. Budgens paid £5.8m for the 57-strong chain last October and is spending around £500,000 on the new look. It is also introducing a new format with more emphasis on fresh food such as ready-made meals, hakery and fresh produce. The 7-t1 stores outside the M25 will be converted to the Budgens format at a later date.

Lucas Varity to supply GM

LUCASVARITY, the automotive and aerospace group, has signed a contract with General Motors to provide anti-locking hrakes and other safety features for some passenger cars. The group has a £1bn war chest to spend on acquisitions after concluding the sale of Varity Perkins, its diesel engine husiness, but disappointed the market by failing to announce any new deal. The group unveiled a sharp rise in final-quarter underlying operating profits to £92m (£60m) bringing profits for the year to January to £329m (£277m).

COMPANY RESULTS Turnover & Pre-tax & EPS

er isomuliz (I)	17.71m (15.57m)	1.15/m (1.44 <i>3</i> m)	4.Up (5.2p)	2 25p (2.25p)
ChimeCommunications(F	142.36m (33.72m)	3.634m (3.723m)	3.8p (4.5p.)	1 90p (-)
C!A Group (F)	968.4m (773 6m)	9 52m (4.92m)	9 11p (3.23p)	2 72p (2 35p)
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Rathbose Brothers	50.46m (35.81m)	10 78m (9 8m)	31 32p (24 87p)	
Roberoid (F)		6 6m (1.2m)	8.8p (-0.3p)	6.1p (6.1p)
Ragby Group (F)	1.06bn (1.19bn)	68.1m (53.9m)	7.4p (5.4p)	4 0p (3.6p)
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Former Pru chief receives £1.3m



College girls' Fantasy Budget was close to the real thing

The names Rosalind Spencer, Emma Whiting and Suzanne Lord will probably not mean anything to the Chancellor. But perhaps he should think about recruiting them into a Treasury think-tank. The all-female team from Guthlaxton College, Wigston, Leicester, pictured here with Dawn Primarolo, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, are the winners of this year's Fantasy Budget competition organised by Bnurnemouth University. Their entry, sent in well before Gordin Brown stood up

at the despatch box on 17 March, recommended the abolition of road tax and an increase in petrol duties, the introduction of a childcare support system and a carbon tax. And what did Mr Brown announce? Higher petrol duties; a cut in road taxes for fuel-efficient cars, tax breaks for working mums and a review of the taxation of industrial energy use. Ed Balls, the Chancellor's economic adviser, had better watch out.

Photograph: Nicola Kurtz

Horlick unit trust takes off slowly

By Andrew Verity

NICOLA HORLICK, the City fend manager nicknamed "superwoman", has disappointed the City with her newly kunched unit trust despite massive publicity and an expensive advertising campaign.

The mother-of-five, who shot to prominence in January 1997 when she was suspended as managing director of Morgan Grenfell's pension funds, has raised less than £10m since her tiew employer, Société Générale, lausched a UK Growth fund.

The money invested is a fifth of the normal level of subscriptions to an investment fund with the same objectives, which are normally expected to raise upwards of £50m.

The figures will cast doubt on targets set by Société Générale when it launehed its UK asset management division six weeks ago. In a famfare of publicity, the company said it aimed to manage £5bn within five years. The company is estimated to have spent £500,000 on advertising: But John Irons, head of retail

at SocGen, said he was

"delighted" with the result, which he said came in difficult market conditions; Stephen Lansdown, joint managing director of Hargreaves Lansdown, the investment adviser, said: "The Nicola Horlick story is not an investment story But her fund is not exciting enough to capture the

imagination." The £10m subscription is in marked contrast to the £100m raised by a fund run by Jayesh Manek, a high street pharmacist who was employed by Sir John Templeton after winning a fantasy fund manager competition. ceived by the banking community.

By Lea Paterson

THE BANK of England has

decided to eut the size of deposits it requires from hanks. As a result, the Bank is to repay more than £700m to the banking system.

The recent wave of building society demutualisations was the key reason why the Bank of England decided to reduce the so-called "cash ratio". The last time the ratio was changed was in January 1992.

The move was favourably re-

"The reduction is obviously we!—year, Halifax, Alliance & Leicescosts of our members", said Peter Vipond, a director at the British Banking Association

Bank of England to hand back £700m

(BBA), the principal trade association for the banking industry. Until yesterday, banks were required to deposit 0.35 per cent of "eligible sterling liabilities" with the Bank of England. These deposits are non-interest bearing and help fund the Bank

ratio will be 0.25 per cent. The recent spate of building society conversions - over the last

come - it is a reduction in the ter, Woolwich and Northern Rock have all become banks - has led to a significant rise in the amount of money deposited at the Bank of England. As a result, the Bank has found itself able to cut cash

ratios, a spokesperson said.

The hig UK banks - such as Barclays, NatWest and Halifax – will be the main beneficiaries of vesterday's move.

Mr Vipond said the BBA of England. From today, the hoped for a further cut in cash ratios when the Treasury assumes responsibility for setting eash rations early this summer.

Hepworth targets costs

WHEN a company takes six months over a strategic review under a new chief executive. investors are emitted to expect root and hranch reforms. otherwise, why take so long? But at Hepworth, the heating and engineering group that has been the subject of recent bid speculation, shareholders are being treated to little more than fiddling around the edges.

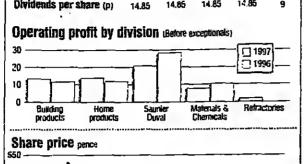
Jean-Francois Chene, the Frenchman who returned to Hepworth last year to lead the review, has preferred to leave the structure of the business unchanged while taking the axe to the cost base. This disappointed some in the City who had hoped he might decide to off load some of the peripheral businesses to concentrate on the core heating and building materials products such as Glow-Worm boilers.

On top of this, the City was hoping for news on takeover speculation, which has centred on a possible £650m bid from Vaillant, the Oerman industrial group. But the company knocked these on the head yesterday, saying it has received no approaches.

Though the company is not ruling out disposals at a later date it is, for now, concentrating on improving efficiencies. Of the £69m of exceptional charges which pushed Hepworth £11.7m into the red last year, £51m related to costs relating to the overhead reduction programme, Management Eastern plans says these will yield annual sayings of Elom-El 7m.

It remains to be seen as to whether all this will be enough to revive Hepworth's continuing businesses, which fell from £02m to £56m before the exceptional charges. The chief culprit was Saunier Duval. the French heating husiness, where profits were hit by a difficult domestic boiler market and the impact of sterling. But combining it with the UK operation into one heating division should increase efficiencies. In the home market Herworth did much

Hepworth: At a glance Market value: £635m, share price 259p (-5p) Five-year record Turnover (2m) Pre-tax profits (Em) Earnings per share (p) 135 208 Dividends per share (p)



It is still interested in pur-

suing North Sea developments.

which should get the go ahead

this year, but the real action is

in the Caspian region. There

Monument is building on its

Nebit Dag development in

Turkmenistan. On top of this it

The four-for-one rights is-

ument seems to be making out.

And this year Monument will

need around £30m to pay for

drilling eight exploration wells.

ering around \$14.50 per barrel

as it was vesterday. Monument,

Robert Fleming estimates,

better with profits up by 19 per cent in a UK boiler market that grew by 5 per cent last year. The £16m cash pile is likely

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to be used for acquisitions in the heating and building products sectors rather than returned to shareholders.

Hepworth shares have is huilding up its interest in Iran jumped from their five-year low while also pushing for a new deof 180p in February to 259p. velopment in Azerbaijan. down 5p vesterday. But with analysts forecasting full-year profits of £58.5m, the shares trade gearing from 120 per cent as on a forward rating of 16. Con- well as fund new acquisitions. solidation looks inevitable in But the £100m may not be this market but, after the recent enough if these easterly rise, the shares are only a hold. prospects are as good as Mon-

at Monument

IT TAKES a brave oil company no doubt, has enough support flected in its poor share price to announce plans for a rights to make a successful rights is- performance recently and the issue in the wake of a huge sue. Yesterday it was trumpetslump in the crude oil price. But ling a strong set of results with 267.5p yesterday after the group Monument Oil & Gas is growing increasingly courageous.

Many investors will remeraber Monument as a rather rose 92 per cent while produc- year profits of around £45m, placid North Sea minnow. But tion volumes increased by half. the expansion strategy it unveiled yesterday, alongside the on the basis of a \$17 per bar- remain a long-term hold, alplanned £100m rights issue, reloil price, that pre-tax profits though investors may have to be make it clear Monument is this year could rise from patient to see the fruits of Highturning into a much bigger fish. £19.6m to £28.7m. This would land's investment programme.

The UKS Best Buy

put Monument on 19 times earnings post a rights issue.

This oil group has exciting prospects but the share price, nown 5p to 61.5p, adequately reflects the significant risks.

Highland spirits low

THE SCOTCH whisky market continues to go from bad to worse in the UK. Young drinkers are turning their noses up at a wee dram, choosing instead to guzzle the array of new. trendier spirits cocktails. Highland Distilleries, which makes Famous Grouse and Macallan. is doing better than most but UK sales are unlikely to improve for some time and the group's future success hinges on its plans to expand overseas.

Highland rightly recognises that these days selling whisky is all about marketing and building brand names. To this end it has pumped millions into a new advertising campaign. The jury is still out on whether this will pay off. At the moment all it has done is depress profits, although there are signs that the initiative is baving a beneficial effect on sales.

The economic crisis in Asia raises another question mark sue is clearly meant to reduce over Highland's international ambitions. The direct impact on sales has so far been small. But the slump in spirit sales in the region has thrown Remy Cointreau, which distributes almost two-thirds of the group's whisky, into turmoil. Throw in the huge competitive threat of Diageo, formed by the merger of Guin-Even with an oil price hov- ness and GrandMet, and it will not be plain sailing for Highland.

These worries have been reshares slipped another 4p to pre-lax profits up from £12.4m announced virtually flat profits to £19.6m in the 12 months to of £25.1m for the six months to December. Operating profits February. Analysis forecast fullputting the shares on a prospective ple ratio of 12. The shares

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GUS looks the winner in Metromail battle

By Nigel Cope City Correspondent

GREAT Universal Stores, the home shopping group, appeared to have secured victory yesterday in the \$910m (£550m) bid battle for Metromail, the US database business. However. the rival bidder is still threatening legal action.

GUS said yesterday that the board of Metromail had unanimously re-affirmed its recommendation of its cash offer of

As the deal has already received clearance from the regulatory authorities, GUS has now launched its tender offer for all the outstanding shares of Metromail.

But ABI has still not given up and has applied for a hearing with the Delaware finely balance after Argos

Metromail deal.

ABI is seeking a bearing on bosis for the Delaware Sup- 570p. reme Court to hear the appeal and will vigorously oppose the application."

ABI's cash and shares offer of \$37.50 is higher than GUS's but it was not able to meet a deadline earlier this week under which it was due to supply additional details of its bid to the Metromail board.

With the Metromail bld reaching its final stages, attention will switch once more to GUS's £1.6bn bid for Argos.

The bid is looking more Thursday. Supreme Court. This follows announced a new trading strat- lower at 741.5p.

Computacenter confirms flotation as profits rise

the ruling by the Chancery egy last week and the City is Court which denied the expecting a £350m share buygroup's request for an in- back or special dividend to be junction to stop the GUS- a central plank of the final defence document.

Argos shares are trading at 8 April. Yesterday GUS said: 623.5p, up 2.5p yesterday, com-GUS believes that there is no pared with GUS's offer of

"A more spirited defence and more to come has put pressure on GUS to raise its price," said Rowan Morgan, a retail analyst at Nikko Eu-

Argos will not be able to announce its plans for a capital return notil the Department of Trade and Industry has ruled on wbether the bid should be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. This decision could come on

GUS shares closed 0.5p

Heading for the market:

executive (right) and Tony

Conophy, the finance

Services Group, which is

planning to sell 25 per cent

of its shares on the London

The offering is expected

Stock Exchange this May.

to value the UK's largest.

UK bus operator wins £55m franchise

By Stephen Vines in Hong Kong

FIRSTGROUP. Britain's largest bus operator, has won a franchise worth about £55m in annual revenues to run Hong Kong's second-largest bus service serving 88 routes.

A subsidiary of the First-Group joined forces with the lead bidder, the Hong Kongowned New World group, to win the franchise in the face of stiff competition from five other consortia, including its UK rival Stagecoach.

It will take over a bus service run for the past 65 years by the China Motor Bus (CMB) company, which tried to hang on to its franchise by joining up with Stagecoach. CMB stood little chance of retaining the business hecause its operations, based on an elderly British-made bus fleet, are highly unpopular.

FirstGroup and New World have pledged to spend up to HK\$2bn (£155m) on new facilities, which will include the purchase of 500 new buses. British bus makers also stand to benefit from this business. director, of Computacenter

New World, a diversified conglomerate run by the politically well-connected Cheng family, has no experience of bus operations and will bave to rely heavily on FirstGroup's expertise. Nicholas Ng. the transport secretary, laid emphasis on FirstGroup's experience in Britain as a reason for the joint venture's successful bid.

Bus operations have been highly lucrative in Hong Kong where all routes are monopolies although large buses face competition from mini-bus operators covering the same territory.

The new company will have to get the new service running by I September. It will begin operations with CMB's fleet before putting new vehicles on the roads. The award is the first to a UK company since the end of British

rule in Hong Kong and can be

taken as a sign the new regime

is not discriminating against

the former colonial power.

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technology services. Mr Norris said: 'Given the shareholder structure, we were always going to do it one day. We don't really need the money."

private information technology company, which is about 30 per centowned by institutional westors, at £850m to. The company also said 1997 pre-tax profit rose 38 per cent to £47.1m and sales increased 28 per cent to £1.13bn as the planned introduction of a single European currency in 1999 and the year 2000 Making IT work for Business conversion date fuelled demand for information

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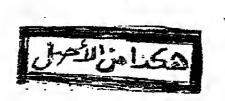
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> it seeing red To recap, Warburg bought 418.5p - giving the broker a nominal £44m profit.

As Warburg began to place the shares with institutional investors, however, the deal started to go wrong. In a falling market, Orange shares slipped below the 399.5p minimum price below which Warburg had insisted it would not sell. At the end of the day, the . Equally predictably, they broker was left with a large chunk of stock.

Just how large that holding is hecame clear yesterday. when Warburg was forced to reveal that had been left with 52.5 million Orange shares more than a quarter of the recent drift yesterday, drop-

Given the recent weakness profit is entirely wiped out by the loss on the stake Warburg the shares for 395.75p while held on to. Orange shares the market price was close to vesterday closed at up ip at 380.5p after once having been

> Warburg scoff at this figure, arguing that it takes no account

The market continued its

opening helped it to shrug off regulators warned its joint sterling's renewed strength. The FTSE 100 index closed up facturing facilities were not up 20.3 points at 5932.2.

The insurance sector took

auce revealed disappointing new life sales figures and increased its provision for pensions mis-selling by £100m to £170.6m. United shares dropped 26p to 585p, helping to drag down Sun Life & Provincial, down 14p to 578p and Prudential, 14p lighter at 878p. The same factors and a NatWest downgrade pulled at Royal & SunAlliance, off

13p at 761p. Hays, the business services group, surged 42p to finish at 1073p, close to its all-time high, after a positively received management conference with institutional investors.

Fortunes contrasted in the pharmaceuticals sector. In-

ping away in the middle of the Nephew, making artificial skin. Chirocaine anaesthetic. Zenday before a strong Wall Street from babies' foreskin, after US eca shaded 11p to 2574p. Racal Electronics continventure partner that manuued its recent surge, rising 9.5p

to 339,5p after broker Dresdto scratch. The shares slumped ne: Kielinwert Benson slapped a 37op price target on the shares. Last November, shares biotechnology group, surged in Sir Ernest Harrison's vehi-60p to 323.5p after revealing - cle briefly touched 200p.

Ladhroke shook off the decision by President of the Board of Trade, Margaret Beckett, to refer its acquisition of the Coral betting shops from Bass to the Monopolies and Margers Commission, rising 3.25p to 334.5p. Bass slipped 10p to 1145p.

GWR, the radio group. gave up 14p to 178.5p after warning of lower than expeeted profits at Classic FM. The news helped drag rival Capital Radio down 39p to 705p, which spent the day updating analysts on its radio and restaurants divisions.

An upbeat set of results lifted Druid, the IT consul- Group, which had bid Ittlp, will tancy which specialises in come back with a higher offer.

implementing SAP software. The shares, floated at 275p at the end of 1996, closed up 16p at \$41p. Fellow SAP specialist Diagonal, which firmed

The gloss was taken off Rage Software when it revealed that managing director Paul Finnegan and his wife had sold a total of 106,000 shares. raising £13,250. The stock has soared from 4p to 15p in the past month on back-to-back

slipped 0.5p to 11.5p. Meanwhile Bluebird Toys. the Polly Pocket to Plasticine group which is on the receiving end of a 111p bid from toy giant Mattel, slipped 2p to 109.5p. Mattel has exercised rights to manufacture Polly in North America, a move which will decimate Bluebird's margins and reduces the chance

that shareholder Guinness Peat

7.5p to 907.5p, has enjoyed a similarly meteoric rise.

AIM-quoted fund manager Farlake dipped 10p to 265p as three non-executive directurs resigned. The departing directors were all connected to broker Hichens Harrison, which recently sold its 25 per deals with computer giants Compaq and Sega. The shares cent stake. US-backed investor EMS, which took over the shares, has nominated

> T CLARKE, the electrical engineering contractor, dropped 8p to 126.5p as Electrowatt. the Swiss Group, sold its entire 53.15 per cent stake. The shares were placed with institutional shareholders and T Clarke's management at 105p. The shares have doubled in value in the past year.

one replacement.

The future looks red for Orange buyer

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Orange, the mobile phone in Orange's share price, the operator, to SBC Warburg numbers do not look good. Aslast Thursday it looked as if the suming all the shares it placed broker had done a handy hit fetched at least 399.5p. Warof business. But the subse- burg made a cool £5m on the quent share price slide has left shares it sold. However, that a knock after United Assur-

as low as 371p. At that price, Warburg's stake is worth £8m less than it paid for it, ostensibly leaving the broker nursing a £3m loss on the deal. Predictably, sources at

of the broker's hedging policy. refuse to shed any light on that policy. Given that there is no chance Warburg will ever officially reveal how much it made or lost on the deal, all the rest of us can do is guess.

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'Sherwood insists upon genuine Praise

By Greg Wood

YOU do not need to see the ocatly-embroidered initials 00 the saddle cloths to know when Oliver Sherwood's string is polling on to the gallops above in 1988. Lambourn. There are plenty of Flat horses in the Valley these days, bot they do not hold with such things at Rhonehurst, and you will struggle to find a single horse in the Sherwood team without both the breeding and the build to jump feoces. His horses are steeplechasers, and proud of it.

It is strange, then, that to

ASCOT

2.30: It will be interesting to see how framey's Cross fares. After his first run this season, at Wincanton, the jockey, trainer and horse were respectively suspended, fined and banned under the uon-triers' rule.
That display was followed by B respectable fourth at Stratford. Ely's dies fast going too, and Bony McCoy flarboar can be expected to put up banned under the non-triers' rule.

2.00 GOLDEN EAGLE (nap)

2.30 Kelly Mac (nb)

3.35 House Of Oreams

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age at

dale, the entire story of Oliver Saturday seems ever more like- al Trial at Haydock. Him Of franked all the time, but he's a on Saturday will jazz him up a his only runner in the race in Of Praise might well be a clear the tapes went up. more than a decade with a liceoce, to reach the first fence from racing after his victory in

Sacred Path fell, taking with him the hopes not just of his his fifth success in a row. trainer, but of the thousands of punters who had backed him down to favouritism at 15-2. Now, 10 years later, Sherwood is back for another try.

Him Of Praise may need only to reach the second to improve on his trainer's record in the race, but as a soft surface on

HYPERION'S

4.10 Pleasureland

5.20 Jungii.

3.35 HOUSE Of Oreams

GOING: Good (Good to Firm in pinces).

Pright-hand course with testing upint finish.

Course is near purction of A329 and A330. Access from M3 (Linc 3) and M4 (Junc 6). Helicopter-landing testing at course (Heathrow 15m). Relively station (service from London, Winterloo) adjoins course. ADMISSION: Members 215 177-25 year-clds half-price); Grandstand & Paddock 210; Silver Ring ES. CAR PARIX: No5 1, 2 & 3 £4, rehearder free.

BLEADING TRAINTERS: O Nicholson 18-77 (234%), M Pipe 18-70 (225%), N Henderson 18-20 (M1%), J Gifford 22-104 (15%), I Shemood 11-66 (637%), K Balley 9-54 (167%).

BLEADING JOCKEYS: AP McCoy 27-96 (275%), R Dummoody 24-124 (164%), M A Pitriger-ald 18-26 (M3%), M Williamson 10-57 (175%), C Liewellyn 10-76 (182%).

FANOLIRITES: 137 was from 354 races (success rate 387%).

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Siy's Harbour (2.30), Releasek (4.00).

2.00 LILY TREE NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS O) 25,000 added

TIPPOD MORSY MINER (18) (D) (Nes R J Skan) O Nicholson 6 ti 10.

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their chances. Mich Fitzgeseld being on Golden Engle tends to suggest the one has greater scope than his statement. Insh point-to-point winner Old December, though studies threat is Just Nip, a deserved winner on soft ground at Plumpton, Josh Giffords newcomer Tudor Boyal might be worth leading an eye on for the huture. Selection: BENATOM

2.30 FAIRVIEW NEW HOMES NOVICE CHASE BBC2

PERRYMAN is guaranteed fresher then most after a ten-week break. An litish point-topoint winner two years ago, Perryman had one run in a bumper for present connections
last back-end and wes put straight over fences when ned seen at hurtington in December. He had every chance when falling at the last in the race in which By's Herbour fashed a remote third barhind subsequent winners Camera Man and Mejors usgacy and
was a warm order at Fontwell next-time. Having led over the last, Perryman stopped to
a walk on the num-in and it must have been more then the testing ground that found him
out. Her words another chance, Manany's Cross was returning after a season off when
chasing home ende-margin Bengers Moor et Wincarton in Januery and more recently
was a last fourth behind Shekalis at Smittord. Stepping up to three miles should be in his
favour. Kelly Mac has run well at Windsor and Plumpion and the Folkestone race in which
he was left to chase home Award has worked out noting.

3.05 OAILY TELEGRAPH NOVICE HANOICAP BBCI CHASE (CLASS C) 220,000 added 2m 3f 110yds

the Mildmay/Cazalet Chase at Sandown in January, which was

Instead, he has been to the track twice, and neither outing has been satisfactory. In the Singer & Friedlander National Trial at Uttoxeter, he had the race at his mercy going to the last, but stopped in froot and was run out of it by Ottowa. Then, in the Greenalls Nation-

3.8% A fascinating novice chase with Charlie's Brooks' pair, Hoh Warrior and Shekels, both holding good

chances. Tom Brodie is a fast ground specialist and it looks significant that

he makes the long trip from Co Durham. But they will all have

their hands full with the progressive SIR DANTE. Spring is the time of

year that this one can be relied upon to strike top form.

Sherwood and the Grand Na- ly, his backers at least are in op- Praise stayed on for second very genuine horse and he's as the "We've got a nice low tinnal runs to no more than timistic mood. Coral cut him place behind Dom Samurai but tough as they come. about 15 seconds, which was from 12-1 to 14-1 yesterday, al- only after being vigorously ridhow long it took Sacred Path, though it has to be said that Him den almost from the moment RICHARD EDMONDSON

NAP: Village King (Ascot 4.10) NB: Phar From Funny (Ascot 3.35)

As a result, some have questioned his attitude, but his trainer will have none of it "It's ridiculous," he says. "I was disappointed with the way he threw it away, he had the race won and the form is being

3.35: Shane Kelly has struck up a fine

partnership with Effectual, who keeps climbing the weights but

assignment, however, Phar From

Funny looks sure to make the frame, though he was lucky to win

an amoteurs' race last time. HOUSE OF DREAMS, a creditable seventh

in a big race three weeks ago, has the most formidable form.

3.35 THILLIUM HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS C) BBC1

1 T2005 TBETAN (36) (0) (4% Verdy Brown) Laby Herias 5 12 0 B Dunwerdy
2 SP260 TCPPERA (78) (0) (5) Shelin Almed Al Makham) 0 Nordeon 5 71 73 B Juhrson
3 1271 EFFECTUAL (16) (0) (6) C Olor) Mas V William 5 71 70 S Juhrson
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7 27123 MONNABE FORTE (16) (20) (Atmes R Adems) J Adm 8 10 10 B Powell
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7 2222 MONNABE FORTE (16) (20) (Atmes R Adems) J Adm 8 10 10 B Powell
7 25259 PHAR FROM FLANY (18) (20) (ATMES A Hospital (4 M Moon 8 10 7 M A P McCory
1 23-502 DARAKSHAN (37) (0) (16 M Moon 16 10 2 M M Williams)
2 2223 ALKA NITERNATIONAL (20) (1) (Part Township) Mis P Country (6 0 0 M X Alpern (1)
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BETTING: 9-2 Effectsul, 5-1 Depart Mousein, 13-2 House Of Orsems, Darskshen, 7-1 Moorule Forts, 6-1 Phys From Farmy, 10-1 L'Opera, Thetan, 12-1 Essecutive Design, 14-1 othere 1997; Rosencratz 5 to 6 R Johnson 10-3 (Alse V Wilsman 8 am FORSE OUTDE

Chefinitian Festival curving may again be to the fire, though not necessarily the Country Hurdle form in which Desert Mountain logot on for fifth behind Stowing Wind, two places shead of L'Opera. The worst in terms of placings MONNAIE FORTE has done this secsion was his third behind Stoyer Coin and Sparky Gayto in the Middinay Of Fire Chase, which in testif was a smart performance. That came off a handicap rating of 156, as opposed to today's Tid, and reverting to hurding shouldn't be a problem for the versable Monnaie Forte. Effectual test shown himself to be a smart novice and his defeat of Simonic Castle at Chapatow lest time was his fifth wir in seven attempts. The handicapper has taken a dim view, however, Esscribe Design, a wince here last season, is table better in to frainting a moderate that betting Effectual at Donastar tast morth, though probably more important is that Desert Mountain has a 16b for the seven lengths Effectual best him at Weitherby in February.

Selection: MONNAIE FORTE

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Africanin weight: 10st. True hardicap weight: Sping Gress Set 12b

BETTING: 8-2 Supriesse Charra, 7-1 Bright Planse, 6-1 Village Ming, 16-1 Bis Agept Mou, 12-1 Courbert Barbord Soverelge, Eye Smille, Flying Gurren, Green Crassider, 14-1 others
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FORM GUIDE

BRIGHT PLAME may have taled in his bid for a har-trick but finished strongly against fornhalla at Sandown and was conceding 22th into the hargein. The winner hasn't left

part Outiness and the extra two fur

the form down in two subsequent outings and the extra two funtrops here are sure to
suit. Supreme Cherm has shown what a prognessive hurder his at his season with only
one defect from the starts. Two of those which have been here over two sind a half traise,
and, having won at just a huring and a half shorter than the at Stratford, there must be
every cherica to litim getting this trip. Hals on a handy mark it he does. One that will say
every yerd as Denning Bridge. The eight-year-old, a bit of a character in the past, has
done nothing wrong this exason and was staying on ricely from off the pase behind
Nigel's Lad over a stightly shorter the at Unionator in days ago on his first Cuting Since
Separather, it'll have sharpened him nicely for the.

Selection: EFECHT. H.AME.

4.45 MAHONIA HUNTER CHASE (CLASS H) £4,000 added

Three miles with our in the ground made it not much of a test of stamina for Bushman at Lingfield last time. He's more effective at this distance, yet so are Vital Song and RABECHECK. Vital Song made most and ran on strongly to keep out subsequent wanners Quest Confidence and Pro Bono at Nawbury in February on the respectance. He was conceding weight on ground possibly softer than his cares for at Sandown last time. Having broken his cluck between the flags in early February, Raincheck drew right away own a maiden hunter chase at Folkestons later in the month. Being the younger horse he is also open to more exprovement.

5.20 WILD BOAR STANOARD NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (CLASS H) £2,500 added 2m 110yds

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1 MSTER BANDROWTCH (107) (D) (P Sandrowch) Mss V Wilsons 5 ti 8 ... S Kelly (7)

3 ABSOUTED HOPERU, (52) (Michael Padiad) C Montock 5 ti 8 ... P Ryen (7)

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5 AMDON (34) (Don Hurton) P Horizons 5 ti 8 ... Mr J Crowley (7)

6 GLEISHMAR (Min Jan Marchal Bob Jones 5 ti 8 ... Mr J Crowley (7)

7 GOOD TAKE MELOOY (Mrs Sandro Catherwood) O Nicrosons 5 ti 6 ... Miseway (7)

8 GLEISHMAR (Mrs Jan Marchal Bob Jones 5 ti 8 ... Mrs Sandro (8)

9 JACKSON'S HOLE (Pleach Foots Limited) P Nicrols 5 ti 6 ... M. Miseway (7)

10 2a JUNGLI (12) (SE) (Mrs P Sandroy P R Webber 5 ti 8 ... Mr J Tuzard (5)

11 NOR'S CASH FOR FUR (Good) Flearing 1894 H Collegration 5 ti 6 ... Mr Webper (7)

12 NANCES MRS HOR FUR (Good) Flearing 1894 H Collegration 5 ti 6 ... Mr Webper (7)

13 NANCH A NATIONAL BROWN INS A Barday 5 ti 6 ... Mr Webper (7)

14 PERUDO (Mrs Altree Berdey) Mrs A Barday 5 ti 6 ... Mr A Webper (7)

15 O RUDUAN MRS (22) (Jone 5 Journe Patrata) Mr Pac 6 ti 1 ... Goodstell (7)

16 O RUDUAN MRS (22) (Jone 5 Journe Patrata) Mr Pac 6 ti 1 ... Group (8)

17 35 NATES CHARM (25) (A Snekds in J Proc 5 ti 1 ... Mr A Webber (7)

18 PERUDO (Mrs Altree Berdey) His A Berdey 5 ti 6 ... Mr A Webber (7)

19 SONEWHEATHER GIRL (P Winteworth) P Winteworth 5 ti 1 ... Mr A Webber (7)

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20 SOUTHEDOWN LAD (18) (The Exclusive Pertrainty) R Pow 4 ti 0 ... A Santra (7)

21 STORMWEATHER GIRL (P Winteworth) P Winteworth 5 ti 1 ... Mr A Webber (8)

22 SONEWHEATHER GIRL (P Winteworth) P Winteworth 5 ti 1 ... Mr A Webber (8)

23 SONEWHEATHER GIRL (P Winteworth) P Winteworth R Pow 4 ti 0 ... A Santra (8)

24 SOUTHEDOWN LAD (18) (The Exclusive Pertrainty) R Roma 4 ti 0 ... A Santra (7)

25 O BUZSWORD (26) (Winteworth) P Winteworth P Roma 4 ti 0 ... A Santra (7)

26 SOUTHEDOWN LAD (18) (The Exclusiv

about a National is that you've horse has won with more man got to travel early on. If he gets detached early on he could biere." lose interest, but he loves soft ground and there's a fair bit of week, so that should help him." Nor would Him Of Praise ise

of his own about the business to great excitement when Sacred find his interest reawakened by Aintree's unique challenge. "He's a lazy horse," Sher-

wood says, "and he's better hope the razzmatazz of the day round."

weight, and you need only look "The only worrying thing at the records to see that no 11 stone on his back since Cor-

Him Of Praise has also enjoyed an untroubled prepararaio forecast for the end of the tion for the National, although Sherwood knows only too well how fortunes can change to a the first horse with a few ideas matter of seconds. "It was a disappointment that it was all over so quickly. But you never expect to win the National as a than his bare form suggests. I trainer, you can only hope to get

Sherwood should, at least, get a run for his efforts, unlike the connections of both Belment King, tast year's Scottish National winner, and Time For A Run, who was one of the favourites when the weights were published in February. both of whom were scratched from the race vesterday.

Belmont King suffered an over-reach while cantering after a morning schooling session. while Eddie O'Grady. Time Path run." he says, "but a great For A Run's trainer, does not think him "perky" enough to go to Liverpool.

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rule on Ladbrokes' planned take-over of Coral, page 20

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Phor from Funny	7-1	7-1	B-1	8-1
L'Opera	10-1	10-1	10-1	10-1
Executive Design	6-1	71-1	12-1	12-1
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Mr Strong Gala	6-:	13-2	5-1	5-7
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Strong Paladin	2:	13-1	14	9-1
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HYPERION

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4.30 MANNY BERNSTEIN MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,000 added 6f

200-	JUDDY (259) G Woodward 4 9 9 L Newton
00	DUBAH NURSE (37) A Doken & 94 J McAuley (7)
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	ENVOY (39) C Thomson 3 8 m Dean McKnown
5-	FIRST FRAME (277) JL Eyre 36 T D Pears
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shown door by Wigan

Rugby League

By Dave Hadfield

WIGAN have cancelled the contract of Nigel Wright, one of the most gifted players in the British game, after despairing of his succession of injuries.

In a short statement yesterday, the club announced that they had served Wright with notice of the termination of his playing contract. "We appreciate Nigel's disappointment, but we cannot ignore the medical advice provided." the club saio.

The 24-year-old stand-off was signed from Wakefield for a record fee for a teenager in 1993, but has rarely been free of injury for long. His latest problem has been an ankle setback, but Wright said recently that he did not need another operation and was optimistic of

getting match-fit. "It's not a situation we are going to accept," said Wright's agent. David McKnight. "I'm not aware of any medical evidence that would support their contention and Nigel is available to train and play."

Wigan are also being linked with another move for their former scrum-half Shaun Edwards, with their promising young back Darryl Cardiss going to Bradford in part-exchange.

The man charged for the last three months with keeping a game pulled in various directions on a reasonably straight course could have his "L" plates removed today. Neil Tunnieliffe, the acting chief executive of the Rugby League since Maurice Lindsay joined Super League, should be confirmed in the role by the game's couocil.

Most of yesterday was spent in meetings with the former director-general of the Australian Rugby League, Ken Arthurson, working towards an out-of-court settlement over Australia's claim to be owed £400,000 from the 1995 World Cup. Tunnicliffe's diplomacy is likely to be needed at today's meeting, when Super League clubs' qualms over the RFL's operation of the salary cap and proposals that could make the elite division more of a closed shop could be flashpoints in the uneasy relationship between the two bodies.

Weekend fixtures and pools forecast

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Leeds play on after flight ends in flames

It will be business as usual on Saturday despite crash. Guy Hodgson reports

terday the echo of one of British football's biggest disasters was heard. As the plane carrying Leeds United ploughed through rough grassland at the end of the runway at ...tansted Airport in Essex it passed through the shadow of the Munich Air Crash.

On February 6, 1958, eight Manchester United players were among 23 people killed when their plane crashed on take-off as United returned from a European Cup match against Red Star Belgrade: yesterday the Leeds squad escaped virtually unscathed. Just two passengers received minor injuries, including the team's assistant manager, David O'Leary, while four members of the crew needed treatment. For the rest there was an almighty scare.

"It's hard to say what's going through your mind when you hit the ground and you're sliding on the runway," O'Leary, who injured his shoulder forcing open a door, said, "You're hoping you won't his anything, that is won't explode. The plane was like a roller-coaster. There was a lot of fire and everyone just got off as fast as possible. We are all pretty shaken up but the overwhelming feeling is that we're glad to get out in one piece."

The chartered Hawker Siddeley HS-748 turbo prop was taking the multi-million pound Leeds squad, which excluded manager George Graham who

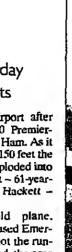
FOR A few moments early yes- Leeds-Bradford Airport after Monday's night 3-0 Premier-ship defeat at West Ham. As it reached a height of 150 feet the starboard engine exploded into flames and the pilot - 61-yearold Captain John Hackett aborted the flight.

The 15-year-old plane. owned by Belfast-based Emerald Airways, overshot the runway as it crash-landed, the nose wheel collapsing as the craft came to a stop about 300 feet from the perimeter fence. The first call to the emergency services was timed at 12.43am, as erew and passengers performed what was described as a copybook evacuation.

"Everyone on board could see the flames and everyone seemed to be shouting: 'Fire! There's a fire'," the Leeds chairman. Peter Ridsdale, whose 13-year-old son, Matthew, was also on board, said. "We had just taken off. You know the plane is full of fuel and you just hope you land before it explodes.

"The pilot later told me he wouldn't have had time to go round again. He said 30 seconds longer and the plane would have DENNIS BERGKAMP is one followed. Partly as a result of been in flames."

Leeds are one of of only two Premiership clubs who regularly use aircraft for domestic away fortures, the other being Everton. Normally the HS-748 seats 48 but yesterday it carried a crew of four and 40 passengers, including 18 players and former stars Norman



flames from the engine on the right-hand side. We were just off

"Just after we took off we shouting. I couldn't helieve heard a big bang and saw the what was happening."

The Civil Aviation Authority has launched an inquiry into the ground," Gunner Halle, the crash which John Stent, chief

similair anxieties, none more so

than Jimmy Greaves, both with

It was a common occur-

Spurs and England.

Footballers grounded by fear of flying

since the airport opened as a major terminal seven years ago.

The Leeds squad were taken to an emergency centre before being allowed to leave in el plans for away matches after Leeds' Norwegian defender, executive at Stansted, said was the early hours of the morning. said, "There was a little hit of the first serious accident there completing their journey to El-volved. "It will obviously depend

For all the frequency of fly-

ing in the modern game, many

current players still suffer when

flying. Middlesbrough's Paul

and revealed that alcohol was one

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Merson has spoken of his fears.

having landed safely.

Banks and

more than nine hours after fin-

ishing the match at Upton Park. Leeds will review their travassessing the mood of those in-

West Ham's Stan Lazaridis is another with a fear of flying, which is particularly unfortunate given that he plays for Australia. Bergkamp's fear of flying began when members of the Ajax youth side were killed in a crash in Surmam, but made

worse by a couple of incidents during USA 94 after which he re-

never played again.

too early to make a decision."

home game against Barnsley,

The incident came seven

ed commemorated the 40th

will go ahead.

Bobby Charlton, who sur- 30 people perished including all vived the crash, admits to fears but four of the Zaudian national every time he boards a plane, squad, when their plane crashed

on on how everybody feels," a ries. In the Premiership the spokesman said. "It is probably only player who famously refuses to fly is Arsenal's Dennis Their next match, Saturday's. Bergkamp.

There have been at least six Munich involving football teams. weeks after Manchester Unit- In 1949 Italy's Tormo lost 17 players including eight internationanniversary of Munich, which als, in 1961 eight players from destroyed the Bushy Babes, of Green (Chile); in 1969 19 whom Geoff Bent, Roger players and officials of The Byrne. Eddie Colman. Duncan . Strongest (Bolivia) in 1979 the Edwards, Mark Jones, David Soviet Union's Pakhator Pegg, Toromy Taylor and Liam. Tashkent lost 17 in 1987, 34 play. Whelan died, while two others ers wives and officials of Aliannever played again. za Lima (Peru) died; and in 1993, but he still travels with United into the sea on the way to play to most of their away European a World Cup match:



Lucky Leeds: The plane which was carrying Leeds United back to Yorkshire lies nose down after crash-landing on take off at Stansted Airport vesterday

Charlton should suffer terrible rence in those days for the way he used to conquer them a method no longer open to him now that he is tectotal. anxieties when he had to fly in team to lead a spontaneous the years that immediately round of applause once the

of the few who actually refuse to, that tragedy perhaps, reporters

but the truth is that many foot- travelling with teams in the 60s

ballers throughout the ages have recall many players suffering

charged Barnsley and Everton with failing to control spectators following the pitch invasion incidents in their weekend Premiership defeats.

During Barnsley's 3-2 defeat by Liverpool, Gary Willard had to take cover in the dressingroom after home fans, furious at two dismissals, tried to attack him. At Goodison, one Everton supporter made for Neale Barry after he awarded Aston Villa a penalty in their 4-1 win.

Glenn Hoddle's agent yesterday denied that the England

coach intends to leave his posi-French champions were offering Hoddle £3m tax free in a threeyear deal to take over at the club where he once played. Monaco. who knocked Manchester United out of the Champions' League, also denied having made any approach to Hoddle.

Tottenham's hopes of escaping the relegation hattle have been boosted after Darren Anderton and Steffen Iversen, both out since December, made successful comebacks in the reserves vesterday and could make

tion for a managerial role at their international roster by sign- at the beginning of February. Monaco. Reports suggested the ing a pair of Turkish players, the striker Hakan Sukur and the mid fielder Ercan Abdullah.

had a deep-seated fear of flying,

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ly understandable that Bobby

Having surived the Munich

Middlesbrough, beaten by Chelsea in the Coca-Cola Cup final on Sunday, will not take the Uefa Cup place should Chelsea win the European Cup-Winners' Cup - it will instead go to the hest-placed Premiership club not already qualified for European competition.

Southampton's England Under-21 striker Kevin Davies is ready to return to action. Davies has not played since suffering Saturday's game with Everion. a recurrence of an ankle injury

Chelsea are looking to add to during the 3-2 win at Liverpool men-only date Birmingham have offered a

> would wait until the end of the season before making a decision. Pele is resigning from his position as Brazil's special minis-

> ter of sports to do television commentary for Globo TV at the World Cup - and may find his job gone when he returns. Reports from Brazil said yesterday that the country's president, Fernando Henrique Cardoso, planned to eliminate the sports

new one-year contract to their executive. Graham Kelly, and for the first time since his free captain Steve Bruce, who will be the Minister for Sport, Tony transfer to Sheffield United 38 this year, but Bruce said he Banks, are boycotting the Professional Footballers' Association awards dinner because of the union's ban on women.

> The PFA is refusing to let Rachel Anderson, who is the country's only female football agent, attend Sunday evening's event because of her sex. Kelly left last year's ceremony afto the dinner and he will not be attending this year in protest.

Kelly said: "It runs contrary to all the things you usually hear coming out of the PFA. I think it is outmoded. They know perfectly well what my views are."

Banks, too, is not attending because of the PFA's men-only guest list. A spokesman for his office said: "He doesn't want to make a particular issue of the PFA, but he feels the event should not be for men only."

Anderson, whose clients include the West Ham defender Everton's relegation struggle Julian Dicks and the Everton midfielder Don Hutchison, may take her case to the Equal Opportunities Commission. "I'm not overly surprised but I am thrilled by the support," she

Saunders seeking to close gap at old stomping ground

from the east Midlands club in December. The quest for promotion points will be uppermost in the striker's mind, however, rather than having any points to prove in front of the City Ground crowd.

seen me play over the years. I suppose I am a bit disappointter Anderson was denied entry ed about the way things turned out there. But I'm just enjoying playing at the moment. "I see my old team-mates anyway and I'm looking forward

Saunders said: "They've

to the game. I hadn't played for a month until Saturday and I'm just pleased that my hamstring didn't go. "But it's such an important

game as well that we can't afford to lose. If we win we're nine points behind [the First Division leaders] with two games in hand. It will be a hig win for us. And we play Middlesbrough next in the League."

The Blades' goalkeeper, Alan Kelly, is rated doubtful for the trip to Nottingham with bruised ribs. Steve Thompson, the club's new manager, may play Simon Tracey - hnt Kelly will be fit for the FA Cup semi-

DEAN SAUNDERS returns final against Newcastle on Sun-ing from Southampton, Robbie lo Nottingham Forest today day. David Holdsworth has a Slater, admits that reaching the

ianos Dellas is on stand-by. United's new signings, Chris Wilder, Ian Hamilton and Paul

slight throat infection and Tra-

not be risked for the game. Queen's Park Rangers' as-

sistant manager, John Hollins; is hoping that tonight's oppo-

looking over their shoulders,": he said. But having seen them. play against Portsmouth - they figure certainly weren't looking at anything else and picked up three valuable points. We had: a great, open game against Wolves at Molineux where we

Rangers are still without Gavin Peacock (hamstring) while Wolves' new £50,000 sign-

lost 3-2. So we owe them."

play-offs is the team's priority Slater said: "It is a very interesting part of the season for Wolves. They are a little bit off Devlin, could also be among the the pace in the promotion playstarting XI and Roger Nilsen offs and we have got to get back has returned to the squad after into that. The second final is recovering from injury.

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Forest, meanwhile, have a got to look on as selfonus.

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effects of a foot injury and will Premier Leaguest or a club the size of Wolves that has to be the main ann."

Wolves are waiting for clearance to play another new signnents. Wolves, will have at least ing David Connolly, who joined one eye on Sunday's semi-final them on loan from Feyenour against Arsenal. The former last week Red-rape forced him Chelsea player is hoping his side to miss out on making his dewill gain revenge for defeat at but against Portsmouth last Molineux earlier this season. Sunday Kevin Miscar has con-"I'd like to think they'll be pleted a two-mater ban and the midfielders Neil Emblen and Simon Osborn are both likely to

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The Wolves striker Mixu Pastelainen has turned down a semi-final week move to the Scottish Premier League club. Hibernian, who wanted the Finnish international. Paatelainen, however, did not want to go to the Edinburgh club on

City going Dutch over Kinkladze deal

Barnsley and Everton charged

GEORGI KINKLADZE. Manchester City's sporadically brilliant midfielder, has flown to Amsterdam to discuss

The City manager. Joe Royle, confirmed earlier this month that the Dutch side had made an enquiry about Kinkladze through an agent. No fee. has been mentioned, but City reportedly want £5.5m for the 24year-old Georgian international

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who joined them in a £2m move from Dynamo Tbilisi in 1995. Royle is prepared to let unsettled Kinkladze leave Maine Road and has left him out of matches even though the club are teetering on the brink of rel-

egation to the Second Division. Better news for City yesterday came with Richard Edghill pledging his future to the club. The highly rated full-back has agreed a four-year deal on

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reserve goalkeeper Kevin Pilkington for the rest of the season as cover for Jonathan Gould,

The Manchester United midfielder Jordi Cruyff began his lajest comeback from injury when he played in a reserve match at Preston North End on Monday, Cruvff has been out since he suffered a hairline fracture of his right ankle on 21 February. United are optimistic they

United manager, Alex Ferguson. with Benfica over Karel Poborhas agreed to loan Celtic their sky's unpaid transfer fee. United are still waiting to receive any of the £3m they reportedly agreed with the Portuguese side in December for the Czech Republic international.

Danny Williamson is out of after having a knee operation. In a further blow, the talented young midfielder, signed from West Ham, has suggested he may quit the club at the end of the season and return to London.

Champions ready to show their credentials

domestic runners-up to join Europe's premier competition. tonight's Champions' Cup semifinal line-up suggests that it has at least lived up to its name.

Borussia Dortmund, the defending champions, go to Real Madrid, the record six-time winners, for tonight's first leg. Juventus, the losing finalists lasi season and also on course for their second Italian title in a row, host Monaco, who have won the French championship by 12 points and put out Manchester United in the quarter-

The Real Madrid chairman. Lorenzo Sanz, is in no doubt about who should lift this year's cup, "Real Madrid have a historic obligation to get to the figul." said Sanz, whose son, Fernando, is likely to make the team in place of the suspended Fernando Hierro.

With Sanz's team six points

IN A season when Unfa allowed behind Barcelona in the Spanish League, Real have virtually written off holding on to their title. But extending their record to seven Champions' Cup titles, 32 years after the sixth, would more than make up for that.

Dormund's coach, Nevio Scala, declared Real Madrid "the strongest team in Europe" although Juventus would argue with that. After his team finally shook off Bayern Mnnich in a closely-fought quarter-final which had one goal in 210 minutes, Scala's players are ready for another tough battle.

Dortmund have their central defender Jürgen Kohler and the midfielder Jörg Heinrich ruled out through injury, while the Austrian sweeper Wolfgang Feiersinger is banned with two vellow cards.

Juventus, so close to elimination at the group stage, are now in a rich vein of form and look likely to make their third both make the trip to Turin.

final in a row. Filippo Inzaghi, whose late winner against Manchester United in December enabled Juventus to scramble into the quarter-final, scored three in a 4-1 quarter-final win at Dynamo Kiev and two in Saturday's 4-1 bearing of Milan in Serie A.

While confident of his own form, Inzaghi is wary of Monaco. "We have to be aware of the French club," he said, "We are talking about a team that eliminated Manchester United and we know quite well how tough it is to beat the English."

Juventus should see the return of the midfielders Zinedine Zidane and Antonio Conte but may miss the Uruguayan defender Paolo Montero because of a leg muscle problem.

Monaco's goalkeeper, Fabian Barthez, and the striker David Trézéguet, who were ruled out of France's friendly against Russia last week, should

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Holyfield

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EVANDER HOLYFIELD holds Lennox Lewis entirely responsible for the difficulties that will probably prevent them meet. ing this year for the undisputed heavyweight championship.

Taunted by Lewis who trades under the motto, "Anyone, any-

where, anytime", Holyfield says

that he would have gone in with

Lewis this summer if the World

Boxing Council champion's ad-

visor's had been more realistic

At a press conference in

New York to announce his

mandatory defence against

Henry Akinwande on 6 June at

Madison Square Garden, the

World Boxing Association and

International Boxing Federation

champion was dismissive of the

suggestion that he is wary of

Lewis. "I've oever ducked any:

body," he said. "Out of all the

fighters, I wouldn't duck

Lennox Lewis. He fits my style

tion bout between Holyfield and

Lewis fell through earlier this

year when Home Box Office,

the American cable network,

failed to meet Holyfield's de

mand for a \$20m (£12.2m)

guarantee, HBO offered Holy-

field \$16m plus everything that came in over 650,000 pay-per

view buys. Taking Doo King's

cut into account, Lewis's purse

of \$12m made it impossible for

Holyfield blames Lewis. "If"

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Lennox really wants to be the undisputed champion, he

should do what's necessary."

Holyfield said, pointing out that's he took less than he wanted for

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Making it clear that he re-

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Boxing By Ken Jones in New York

New role for Catt without a home

Rugby union

By Chris Hewett

ONE OF these fine days, Mike centre. He may have to wait for the mountains to melt and the already given Catt his head at stand-off and full-back this season, Clive Woodward and the rest of the red rose top brass yesterday saddled him with the right wing role for this weekend's Triple Crown match with Ireland at Twickenham The fact that the position is

a complete mystery to the undeniably gifted but chronically inconsistent utility back from Bath does not concern Woodward in the slightest. "I'm determined to get the best available foothallers on the pitch," he pronounced, equaly unfazed by his own apparent nability to select the same side r consecutive international uches. Barring an unlikely t-minute rapprochement h Adedayo Adebayo and in Ryan, who find themie record victory at Mureld 11 days ago. England day their eighth fixture of easoo oo Saturday with. eighth different line-np.

att wears the No 14 shirt nst an Irish side on the orink of a first whitewash since 1992 while Austin Healey, another noo-specialist wing hut rather more used to the peculiar demands of the position, shifts to the left flank in place of Adebayo. With three first-choicers - David Rees, Kyran Brackeo Australia in November. Alex -work this game out. I just take and Phil Vickery - out consid-" King's knee injury forced Catt it as it comes these days.

The last time England took anything like as hig a selection liberty against the Irish was in 1983 when David Trick, another Bath back and a specialist Catt will play for Eagland in his right wing, was ordered to play optimum position of outside out of position on the left. Ollie Campbell, every hit as sublime a strategist as he was a kicker. seas to burn, however. Having tormented the poor soul so relentlessly that, rumour has it, he went straight to the confessional to beg for forgiveness.

Fortunately for Catt's peace of mind, he has no memory of that cringingly painful day at Lansdowne Road. All the same, Woodward's gamble left him visibly non-plussed. "I've never started a game on the right wing at any level of rugby," he admitted, "and my only experience of the positioo was 40 minutes' worth at Orrell in 1994, when Tony Swift twanged a hamstring during a club match and I came off the bench to fill in.

"I think the defensive aspect. of the switch will prey on my mind more than the attacking side. I'm always confident of achieving things with ball in hand; I hope I can read a game as well as the next guy, so there's es dropped despite sharing no reason why I shouldn't get involved in different areas of the nitch. If I can make the same sort of impact as Austin, who has been using his rugby instincts to pop up in good positions all over We field, I'll be happy"

It has been a season of mindbending one and downs for the 26-year-old South African exile. Convinced that a run at outside ceotre would be the making of a mercurial taleot, Woodward picked him there for the first Test of the campaign against ered because of injury, the only into an 11th-hour move to other change sees Tooy stand-off, however, and a sub-Diprose, of Saracens, restored sequent bout of concussioo suf- amhitious specialist English



tt takes the ball into the tackle as the new right wing, Mike Catt, looks on in support at Twickenham yesterday

allied to Jeremy Guscott's return to-fitness, effectively slammed the midfield door in his face. Woodward recalled Catt to

full-back, where he had not performed for two years, when England travelled to France for the start of the Five Nations in February. The decision rebounded violeotly. "I doo't think many of the England team performed that day and 1 certainly didn't," the player said yesterday. "Clive wanted us to play a handling game, I kicked a lot of ball away and they dropped me for it.

"Still, I'm back in the side oow and that's the most important thing. I have no idea whether this is a one-off, or whether Clive feels I can build a career for myself oo the right wing. To be quite honest with you, I've given up trying to

Quite where the repositiooing of Catt leaves a clutch of safely be stated that Adebayo has a bright international career hehind him - a case of "Adios, Ade" it seems - and with Rees and Tooy Underwood on the casualty list, the selectors have beeo denied two proven performers. But what of Newcastle's Jim Naylor, Tom Beim of Sale and Leon Lloyd of Leicester? From their point of view,

the latest smoke signals from

Twickenham are blowing in the

wrong directioo.

Ryan, the Newcastle captain recalled for Eogland at Murrayfield for the first time in six years, will also be less than chuffed at losing his place so quickly. Diprose has been in spectacular nick of late, though. and fully deserves a chance to cement his place in Wood-

ward's World Cup thinking,
ENGLAND (v Ireland, Twickmanarn, Saturday): M Penry: M Catt, J Gasscott (all Bath),
W Grossmood, A Healey, Doth Lebosany):
J Leonard (Harlequirus), R Cockerll, D Gas-forth, M Johrsson (al. Loicester), G Archer (Newcastle), L Dallagillo (Wasper, Capt), A Darsson (Saturdaris), N Sask (Leicester), Be

Saracens set to sign Penaud

SARACENS are expected to announce tomorrow that they will fill the huge bole to be left by Michael Lynagh with Alain Penaud, the Brive outside-half.

The 28-year-old with 29 French caps, has played in two Heineken Cup finals for Brive but is curreotly out of the French squad. He will have a hard act in replacing Lynsgh, the world record points scorer, who has said he will retire after the Tetley's Bitter Cup final in

Speculatioo that the Watford-based club would be signing Neil Jenkins, the Welsh points machine whose record almost matches Lynagh's, oow looks wide of the mark. Saracens will also want to replace Philippe Sella in the ceotre and will be seeking a goalkicker to augment Penaud's skills with the boot.

There was ominous news for

their Five Nations game against France at Wembley on Sunday when their captain, Robert Howley, took no part in training.

The talismanic scrum-half suffered an ankle injury playing for Cardiff against Pontypridd on Saturday and was joined oo the sidelines by his Cardiff teammate David Young. But the Welsh coach, Kevin Bowring, is quietly confident that both players - the prop Young has a calf muscle problem --will play a part during today's work-out.

The centre Allan Bateman aissed the session for personal reasons and Bowring received eocouraging oews about the full-back, Kevin Morgan. The 21-year-old showed oo obvious signs of a shoulder injury -one that the Pootypridd coach, Dennis John, fears could be aggravated by playing next Sunday and looks likely to start.

"Kevin has been the higgest

Rugby Union spokesman, Lyn Davies. "But he took part in back division training this morning and then most of the general afternoon practice."

The Wales A management have oot beeo as fortunate as their senior colleagues and have been forced into making changes for Friday night's mternational against France A at Bridgend. The Pontypridd flanker Martyn Williams is out because of a pulled calf muscle -Neath's Ian Boobyer replaces him - while Swansea's Dean Thomas and the Cardiff reserve

Alan Tait has picked up the Famous Grouse Scotland Player of the Five Nations award ahead of his Newcastle teammate Gary Armstrong. Andy Roxburgh, the flanker, was vot-

cause he believed he could win and make more io a rematch." hooker Paul Young join the replacements, the latter taking "That's the risk Lennox should be prepared to take," he added over from Barry Williams, who has a hand injury. quires Lewis to accept that startus of challenger. Holyfield

work this hard to come down two levels to prove myself. The oniv unide udat is stod from fighting me is that he knows it is safer to talk than to get in there. If you fight, you've got nothing more to talk about." Why should I have to take a pay .

HBO] to make things work." If, or should it be wheo, Holyfield and Lewis get together, it will be for the rival network. Showtime, which lost \$10m last" November when putting out the second contest between Holyfield " and Tyson. Showtime did not mind Holyfield booking up with HBO for one contest but not for less than the \$20m they paid him.

cut or go across the street [to-

to defend against Tyson. Holyfield thinks Lewis did well to come through the shock of almost being knocked out by Shannon Briggs in Atlantic City. last Saturday. "No fighter can be absolutely sure of himself," Holyfield said. "In the contest before I first fought Tyson I looked awful against Bobby Czyz,"

he added. "It can happen." Nevertheless, Holyfield is clear in his mind that he's the real champion. "If they [Lewis] want to fight, come meet me,

ne captain is enough for Lara

VD'S grand experihaving separate cap-Test and one-day not found favour _ara, the recently apest Indies captain. on the eve of today's one-day international en the two teams in town. Lara felt the divi-

f labour was more likely der a team in achieving goals than help. ricket is one game, and it it long ago that the West es had the best Test and -day team," Lara said. "You to find someone to captain

when one is winning and other is losing. "With two different cap-

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game will be responding to two different captains."

Mark Taylor, Australia's Test captain, but recently deposed by Steve Waugh as one-day skipper, has been taking a similar line. Taylor is unhappy at some of the has emerged, and feels it is undermining his position. He has not apply. even said he is considering resigning the Test leadership.

England's selectors, at least the two former captains among them (i.e. Graham Gooch and Mike Gatting), must have felt likewise when they re-appointed Michael Atherton, particularly in the wake of Adam Hollioake's success in Sharjah.

Although the matter has now been at least temporarily settled

the most effective cars. "As to my

car, the less said the better. I was

sounded like one of the new gui-

tar pieces that I am learning and

my times confirmed my unease." Scotland's David Coulthard

who finished second behind

his MeLaren team-mate Mika

Hakkinen, said overtaking had

become increasingly difficult

despite new regulations de-

tains, England won't do well in original decision flew directly in both aspects of the game. Those the face of David Graveney's unwho play in both types of the equivocal suggestion that Hollioake should get the job.

It is a conservatively logical argument, but one only able to hold water if you can find someone appropriate. Unless candidates possess the required leadership qualities as well as dressing-room politicking that the ability to hold their own in both types of game, they need

Lara, without a hint of mischief in his eyes, is in no doubt who the prime candidate should be. 'Alec Stewart is the only guy who has played both Test and one-day cricket consistently well," he said. "I don't know what his leadership qualities are like hnt, if I had to pick someone, he is the one guy guaranteed a place in both."

To fans of Hollioake's style by Atherton's resignation, the of captaincy, Lara's suggestions

Surrey captain, who has now won all five of his one-day games in charge. In truth, Lara's beliefs are no more than the candid offerings of someone who has himself taken up the reigns of captaincy from a disunited dressing-room. The first mani-

festo after the coup, if you like.

"Hollioake might yet turn into a Test player and that would be perfect. He needs to become more accustomed to it and that might happen if he can bat at six. Mind you, captaincy shouldn't come that easily."

Like England, the West indies under Lara are building towards the World Cup in 14 months' time. Conscious of the West Indies' poor recent record, Lara reckons he has about 20 matches in which to try s few new faces. There may even be that, the grand experiment will one today, as Ridley Jacobs will

might seem like an attack on the come in if Junior Murray fails to recover from his knee injury in time to keep wicket.

England are also waiting on injury, and a decision on Graham Thorpe's sore back will not be made until this morning. If Thorpe proves unfit, his place will be taken by Mark Ramprakash, a decision that could further fuel the single captain

With his rehabilitation almost complete at Test level, a good performance from Ramprakash in the one-day arena could well add a long-term candidate to rank alongside Lara's shortterm championing of Stewart.

For the moment, though, Lara will have to halt both Hollioake's and England's undeniable superiority to make his theories stick. Until he does

Pakistan agree to Test series in India

PAKISTAN has agreed to play picking separate teams for Tests a Test series in India for the first and one-day matches. time in a decade. Political tension between the oeighbours, which has three times boiled over into wars over territory, had restricted sporting contacts, but J Y Lele, secretary of the Indian cricket board, said yesterday that a three-Test series would

start on 16 January next year. In February, Pakistan called off a day of play hetween a Karachi city team and a visiting Indian junior team because it was scheduled on the annual holiday Pakistanis hold to express solidarity with Muslim separatists in the Indian state of Kashmir. In retaliation, India refused to turn up for the last day of the three-day match.

Mark Taylor is considering resigning as Australia's captain because of problems caused by

Taylor, who led Australia to a 2-1 defeat in a Test series in

India, wants the Australian Cricket Board to abandon the policy. Omitted for a triangular limited-overs tournameot with India and Zimbabwe at the end of Australia's tour on the subcontinent, Taylor may resign as captain to help unify the squad.

"I think there hasn't been quite the same feeling in the side since the split," Taylor said in Sydney yesterday. "I have been captain for four years and the feeling last year has been different to the previous three." Dermot Reeve, Somerset's coach, will come out of retirement to play for the county in one-day cricket this summer. Reeve, 35 tomorrow, originally retired because of an arthritic hip. he said.

Gunther Mader, the Austrian who re-tired from Alpine World Cup compe-tition three weeks ago, is to remain in hospital in innsbruck for two to three weeks after suffering acute blood flow problems in his brain.

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The number of "cheerers" the South Korean arm of Coca-Cola is sending to this summer's World Cup finala to support their country. The group will be chosen through lotteries, newspaper quizzes and other competitions. The company sent a 150member cheering squad to the 1994 finals in the

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Villeneuve unhappy with car

ACQUES VILLENEUVE veserday criticised both his car's not best pleased that my FW20 verformance and the Williams eam's preparations for last Sun-Jay's Brazilian Grand Prix in São Paulo. Both Williams cars were apped by the McLarens and the British team, winners of the contructors' title five times in the nast six years, now have just eight points to MeLaren's 32. Villeneuve said McLaren had

signed to allow more passing. Philippoussis in Davis Cup row

AUSTRALIA'S Davis Cup hopes were in turmoil yesterday. with Pat Rafter and Todd Woodbridge both doubtful through illness and Mark Philippoussis boycotting the Icam until the captain, John Newcombe, pubsaid he felt hitterly let down. hely apologises to him. Philippoussis said he wants say: 'That's what we did to

pleas for help when he was struggling for form when his father had cancer late last year. With Australia preparing for the world group first round tie againsı Zimbabwe in Mildura on Friday. Philippoussis

Cricket "Why can't he [Newcombe] Newcombe to admit that he and Mark and we understand his coach Tony Roche refused his frustration," he said.

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SHPS (Mallon Mowbray) Triples quarter-finale: Nottingham (P Talbot) bi Newcarde (M Bernett) 20-9; Dorchester (A Tidby) bi Weidenburg (M Bernett) 20-9; Corchester (A Tidby) bi Weidenburg (M Roself) 22-9; Righthridge (J Weidenburg bi Mote Park (C Heil) 24-20; Wymontifiam Dall (R Haydon) bi City of By (A Warg) 2-0; Senti-finate Dorchester (M Short M Bernburg, A Tidby) bi Nottingham (T Mitchel, M Lukowski, P Talbot) 4-15 (after extra ent); Registridge (R Johnson, D Derson, J Wickham) bi Wymontiam Dall (A Gerthum, R Gyg R Haydon) (7-3). Fours finale Nottingham (T Afthel, P Talbot, D Roterson, B Morley) bi Starriey (R Johnson, D Bernson). Starriey (R Johnson, D Bernson) 21-8.

Boxing

Steve Robinson, the former World Boxing Organisation featherweight chempton, will fight in front of his frome town fars in preparation for a title bout. The Westman has not fought in Cardiff since losing his title to Prince Naseem Hamed fibre in 1955. Robinson will box on the same 25 April bill as the WBO super-middleweight contest between Joe Calzaghe and Juan Carlos Gimenez, before a planned fight in May or June with the World Boxing Council champion, Luisto Espinosa, of the Philippines.

Gerard Ellas has taken over as chair-men of Glamorgan from Devid Mor-gan, who has stood down. Hugh Davies fills Ellies' role as deputy chair-man and Hon Jones is the new trea-surer.

TOUR MATCH (SA, final day of titree): Emerging Boland 315 and 234; Lancashire 235 for 8 dec (M Wattinson 52) and 256 for 9 (A Fintoff 96).

Claude Le Roy, director of sport at Paris St-Germain, has accepted an offer to coach Cameroon during the World Cup finals, it will be Le Roy's second attra with Cameroon, eiter leading them to the 1988 African Cup title.

The Klimarnock midfielder Billy Find-lay has joined Ayr United for a nomi-nal fee. Findley, 27, would have been out of contract at Rugby Park at the end of the season and has struggled to establish himself in the first team this term. Bournemouth, whose average attendence is 4,500, have sold 18,000 tickets in a week for their Wembley appearance in the Auto Windscreens Shield final. The Second Division side meet Grimsby on 19 April and expect to see all their allocation of 31,000 tickets.

warlo Zagallo, the Brazil coech, has told Romanlo to get into shape if he wants to play in France 98. "He knows has off form and must work hard to make the World Cup," Zagallo said. Romanlo has falled to score in the last five international friendles. In the last rive memacional mendales. Peter Jackson, the Huddersfield man-ager, will call time on his 19-year play-ing career when he turns out for the reserves against West Bromwich tonight, Jackson, who made more than 600 appearances for Bradford City. Chester and Newcestle as well as Hud-dersfield, has not played since leav-ing Halifax to take charge at the McAlpine Stadium in October.

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE Fixture change: Sun 5 Apr. Queen of the South v East File (from 4 Apr.).

BONDAY'S LATE RESULTS: FA Cering Pre-mieralip: West Hum 3 Leads 0. Ryman League Premier Division: Purified 1 Heybridge 1 Unified Bland League Premier Division: Enlay 5 Accrington Sterley 3. First Division: Astron Unt 3 Witton Alzion 1 Draston Enlay 5 Accrington Sterley 3. First Division: Enlays 6 First Division: Creatism 2. Ramagane 2 (at Gillingham). Unified Sussent County League First Division: Saticleen 1 Fingmer 4. Screwtiz Division: Bischool Rovers 1 Kidagrove 6. Northern Counties League First Division: Bischool Rovers 1 Kidagrove 6. Northern Counties East Langue Premier Division: Eviston 1 Penthal League Premier Division: Eviston 1 Penthal Division: Eviston 1 Penthal Division: Eviston 1 Penthal Division: Eviston 1 Penthal Division: E

Hockey Hockey
Harleston Maggies have won their appeal against the deduction of six points for playing an unregistered player in four National League games, the peneity being reduced to two points and a \$100 fine, and now will not be required to defend their League status in this weekends play-offs. Oxford Hawks, who thought they had escaped the play-offs, will replace Harleston but have indicated that they will play only under protest and then seek a "judical review". ice hockey

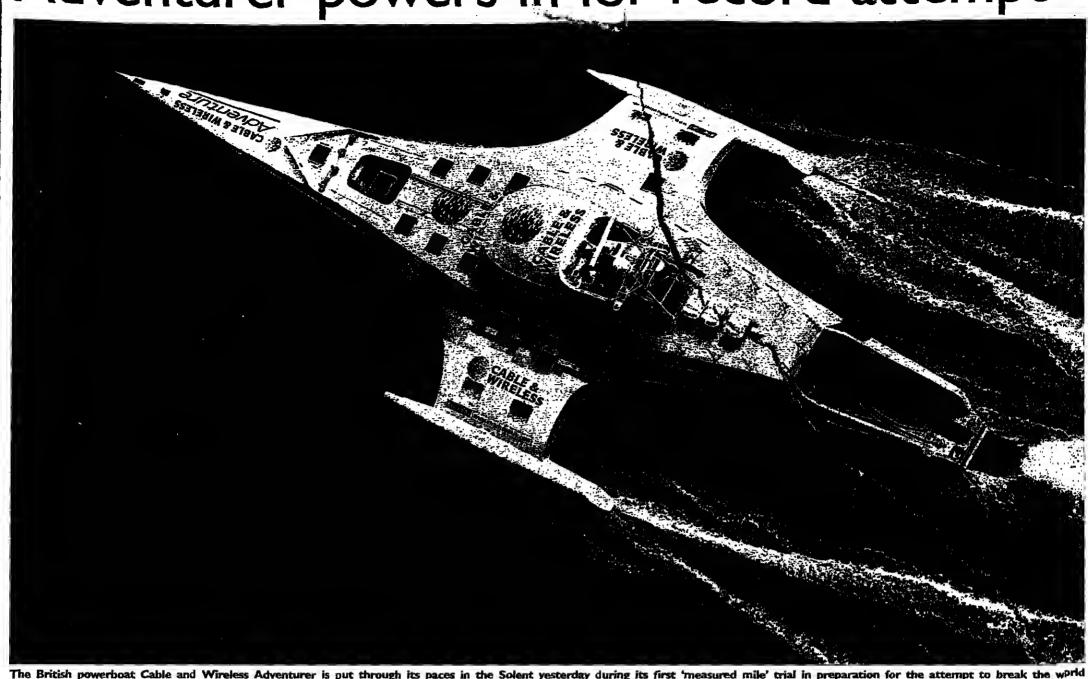
ice skating Kyoko ina and Jason Dungjen, twice the United States pairs champlons, have withdrawn from the World Champlonships in Minneapolis after Dungjen broke a bone above his right eye in a freak accident on Sun-day while practising.

Rugby League
The Rugby Football League is due in court in Liverpool today to defend themselves against en action brought by the Australian Rugby League over money they dealm is still owed to them from the 1995 Centenary World Cup. Barrie McDermott, the Leeds prop for-ward, will appeal tomorrow against a five-match ben for a dangerous tack-le and fighting clutte pre-season mendly against York. Season menory against York.

Brendon Tuuta, the former New
Zealand forward, is fit after a chest injury to make his Super League debut
for Warrington Wolves in Sunday's
opener at Leeds Phinos, The Wolves
prop Mark Hilton will miss the game.

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Adventurer powers in for record attempt



The British powerboat Cable and Wireless Adventurer is put through its paces in the Solent yesterday during its first 'measured mile' trial in preparation for the attempt to break the world circumnavigation record for powered vessels starting on 19 April

Villa to poach Palace cup place

Football

InterToto Cup after heing knocked out of the Uefa Cup by Atletico Madrid - threatening Crystal Palace's chances of they had a change of heart. reaching Europe next season.

When the Premier League much-maligned competition -Uefa Cup - only Palace ex-

Yet when Villa, who would pressed a late interest in com- maining six Premiership matchpeting in this summer's es to qualify automatically for Europe, were knocked out of the Uefa Cup at the quarterfinal stage earlier this mooth.

The Villa chairman, Doug Ellis, indicated to his Premierasked for volunteers to enter the ship counterparts at their monthly meeting last Thursday which can lead to entry into the that his club were considering entering the InterToto. So there pressed a desire to take part and is now competition for places in so only one place was a tournament which English

Sheffield Wednesday ran into Palace, had been promised a will meet to discuss this "spe-ASTON VILLA have ex- probably need to win their re- trouble with Uefa, football's place - even if they were rele- cial situation" on 23 April. A takes place on 18 and 25 July. governing body in Europe, for gated - before Villa came for- Premier League spokesman fielding weakened sides.

> made the tournament easier for the higger nations this year by allowing them to enter in the third round - effectively the quarter-finals - so an English representative would need to win only three two-legged matches to secure a potentially lucrative place in the Uefa

Cup first round. Yet the ideotity of that rep-

clubs have not entered for two resentative is still unclear. The its position on the matter, while years, when Tottenham and Premiership's bottom club, ward and Premier League clubs said: "The process of nomina-The reason is that Uefa has are still in favour of the Eagles tion is ultimately a matter for as John Gregory's side are so the national association. The FA and 25 August, the same date late with their application.

However, it is the Foolball Association which officially puts a nomination forward. Uefa rules dictate that in oormal circumstances the successful club should be the one finishing higher in the league - and Villa are nine places above Palace. The FA must now consider

League and the FA." Uefa also confirmed that Palace and Villa could only both go through if another association gave up one of its places by the official closing date for entries oo 2 June.

and discussions have taken

place hetween the Premier

Uefa's InterToto committee eight seeded teams and 16 win-

Scotland, as well as Moldova, Andorra, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Liechtenstein and San Marino, are not among the 45 nations supplying teams this year, although Spain and Italy will be

the Ucfa Cup.

ners of second-round matches.

competing for the first time. The FA confirmed Villa had

The third round, featuring expressed an interest in entering the InterToto Cup. A spokesman said: "We're currently exploring every possible avenue with Ucfa There are three final-round to achieve two places for Engties - as there are three Uefa lish teams in the competition, and will continue to do that."

If an extra place did become is fully aware of the situation as the preliminary round of available, only one of Palace and Villa could eoter at the thirdround stage, with the other club having to enter the competitioo earlier. Last week Bournemouth, finalists in the Auto Windscreens Shield, declared an interest in entering the InterToto should they win the lower divisioo clubs' cup.

The best goal of all? Maradona tops poll

By Mark Pierson

HE MAY be regarded as one of the most notorious figures in English sporting history, but it seems that football people are

Diego Maradona put Argentina on their way to victory over England in the quarter-fiuals of the 1986 World Cup with his cootroversial "Hand of God" goal. However, when FourFourTwo magazine asked players, managers and other football folk to nominate their greatest goal of all time, Maradona won, to coin a phrase, hands down.

The votes, however, were for his second goal in that match,

The top ten greates goals of all time

6 Roberto Ca.tos Brazil v France (Le Touchol 1997)

Brazil v Italy (World Quo final 197 10 John Barnes. Brazil v England (hierdly 1984.

which came after a mesmen. run from the halfway line. . gentina's national hero pol twice as many sotes as the ra ner-up, Marco Vin Basien. whose thunderous volley helped the Netherlands win the 1988 European Championship final.

In a top 10 that also features World Cup final goals by Pele. Carlos Alberto and Geoff Hurst, it is good to find a Hereford United striker earning his place. Ronnie Radford's 1972 goal against Newcastle in the FA is ninth in the list.

While most celebrities were agreed on Maradona's goal as the best, there were some differences of opinion. Andy G. of Sky TV chose Davi'ham's long-range lob Wimbledon, while t manager, Craig Brow. Archie Gemmill's go. the Netherlands in 19 :-

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Rugby converting to flashing balls as goal doubts kicked into touch

Science Correspondent

A REMARKABLE invention has gone oo trial to the amazement of rugby players and spectators throughout the country the world's first flashing rugby

The ball is able to indicate a successful kick at goal by emitting light as it passes between the posts. It is the result of six years of collaboration between ball manufacturers Gilbert, and University College, London. When the ball passes

between the uprights and over the crossbar, it travels through a magnetic field that energises hiological material on the surface of the ball. The field is generated by electronic circuitry inside the posts.

All players and spectators can now see if the kick has gone over, rather than just those in line with the kicker. The new ball also saves the linesmen a long run to the posts, since it is their job to "flag up" the conversion. The team of researchers led

by Professor Peter Frampton, use extract from crushed firefly tails as the light source. The lightemitting chemical - known as Luciferia - is commonly used by biochemists to indicate energy untput, and normally glows when energised by electrons. The biological material is extracted, purified and coated un to the ball with a polymer material then applied as a protective scalant.

Professor Frampton spoke excitedly of the possible gains from this development. The years of research and develop-



Bright idea: The new ball is able to indicate a successful kick at goal by emitting light as it passes between the posts

ment costs will soon be offset by ball does go into production. sales around the world. There are lucrative markets abroad, especially in the major rugbyplaying nations - New Zealand, South Africa and Australia."

At home, Blackheath rugby union club have expressed an interest. A lifelong supporter of the club, Prof Frampton has given demonstrations of the ball to the home crowd. "As the world's uldest club, it is fitting they should be the first to enjoy developments at the forefront of technology," he said.

Critics point out that if the

there simply will oot be ecough fireflies to keep pace with demand. Prof Frampton quickly counters this. *Recombinant DNA tech-

nology has now advanced to the point where we can make tons of the stuff by genetic engineering," he said. "UCL have already developed a fermentation vessel for the job. This will not only increase the yield of biologically active material, but will also appease the animal rights lobby, who object to the wholesale slaughter of fireflies."



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